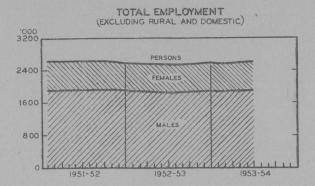
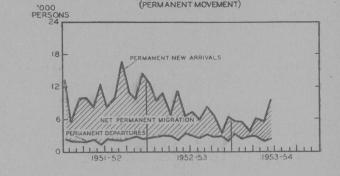
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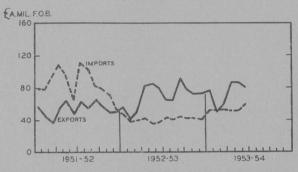
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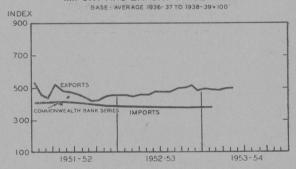


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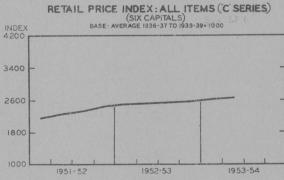


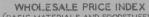


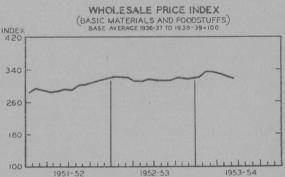




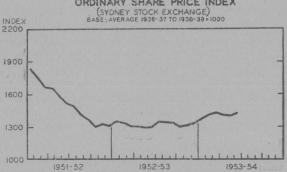




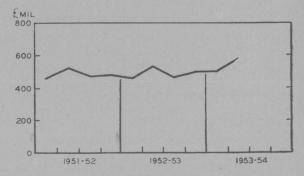




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### INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:-

Period.	Total—En Rural, Ho	oyment—Au d of Month usehold Dor ence Forces	(Excluding	Average Weekly Wage Earnings— Australia:	Oversee (Merch only—Val port of s	andise	Building Permits(c) Six Capital	New Houses Com-	Production of Black	Total Electricity
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Index No. (Base: 1945-46= 1,000).(b)	Imports.	Exports.	Cities and Suburbs.	pleted.(d)	Coal.	Generated.
Monthly	·'000.	*000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£'000:	No.	'000 tons.	Million kWh.
Average— 1932–33 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	(e)992 n.a. n.a. (f)1,293	(e)341 n.a. n.a. (f)437	(e)1,333 n.a. n.a. (f)1,730	n.a. n.a. n.a.	5.5 8.6 10.6 9.4	8.2 12.4 11.8 10.2	565 1,986 2,307 2,353	n.a. n.a. n.a.	732 977 990 1,051	225 331 363 391
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	1,592 1,693 1,757 1,810 1,882 p1,915 p1,876	610 635 656 675 707 p709 p670	2,202 2,328 2,413 2,485 2,589 p2,624 p2,546	1,037 1,164 1,322 1,451 1,742 2,145 2,350	17.4 28.2 34.5 44.7 61.8 87.5 p42.5	25.8 33.8 45.2 51.1 81.8 55.7 70.9	4,084 4,687 5,577 7,129 10,426 9,700 10,045	8,152 g10,876 g12,835 g13,873 p16,895 p19,475 p19,152	1,178 1,231 1,276 1,243 1,369 1,598	697 754 792 875 941
Monthly Total— 1951-52— January February March April May June	1,917 1,921 1,924 1,920 1,914 1,908	P 711 707 704 694 688 679	p 2,628 2,628 2,628 2,614 2,602 2,587	2,183	114.2 106.0 85.4 81.5 75.3 54.9	64.6 56.3 66.6 59.0 51.8 53.0	7,612 8,287 8,849 8,593 9,306 9,848	rp 18,459 20,267	\[ \begin{align*} 1,059 \\ 1,651 \\ 1,740 \\ \end{align*} 1,568 \\ 1,725 \\ 1,535 \end{align*}	904 952 914 992
July August September October November December January February March April May June	p 1,894 1,882 1,871 1,869 1,866 1,864 1,858 1,871 1,878 1,883 1,885 1,887	674 668 666 666 667 669 664 672 677 676 675	P 2,568 2,550 2,537 2,535 2,533 2,522 2,543 2,555 2,559 2,560 2,561	\begin{aligned} 2,305 \\ 2,354 \\ \\ 2,362 \\ \\ 2,377 \end{aligned}	9 49.9 39.6 42.4 43.9 35.5 38.5 44.7 41.5 44.2 43.2 44.2	57.5 41.8 50.2 84.9 86.6 81.7 66.6 64.8 90.2 79.2 73.0 74.3	8,544 8,733 11,856 9,911 9,317 8,259 7,607 10,303 11,058 10,293 11,685 12,978	rp 20,331  20,429  18,256  18,314	1,342 1,066 1,532 1,606 1,404 1,382 1,429	2 1,039 992 1,018 8 965 2 972 6 939 2 932 5 1,052 4 1,017 2 1,121 9 1,160
July August September October November December January	P 1,882 1,886 1,890 1,898 1,907 1,911	P 676 678 682 686 694 701	p 2,558 2,564 2,572 2,584 2,601 2,612	\bigg\} 2,445 \left\{ \bigg\} \bigg\{	52.1 52.2 53.1 50.5 50.7 58.7 60.9	76.6 48.5 59.7 86.1 85.2 79.3 58.4	13,209 12,341 12,570 11,738 11,884	rp 18,408	p { r1,825 r1,710 r1,755 { r1,746 r1,744 1,255	1,198 1,130 6 1,156 4 1,139

<sup>(</sup>a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, National Service Trainees in camp and in 1932–33 Government "relief" workers. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June 1933; obtained from Census. (f) July, 1939; obtained from National Register. (g) Partly estimated.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Ingot		ered (a) ig Defence	State Railways:	P.M.G.'s Depart- ment	Wholesale Trade: Net Sales Recorded	Retail		nding Banks. Averages).	Bank Debits to Cus-
	Steel.	Motor Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.	Gross Revenue.	Receipts.	Under Sales Tax Acts.	Sales.(c)	Deposits.	Advances.	tomers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
Monthly	'000	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
<b>Average</b> —1932–33 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	tons. 32.7 90.0 97.2 97.5	1.0 4.0 4.6 4.5	0.3 2.0 2.3 2.1	(d)3,017 (d)3,407 (d)3,632 (d)3,580	1,053 1,318 1,396 1,447	29.1 37.2 40.6 39.8	n.a. n.a. n.a.	269.9 297.6 314.8 317.7	231.0 262.5 274.4 288.1	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	109.4 112.1 98.2 101.5 120.3 126.8 p151.9	1.8 3.6 5.5 9.6 10.6 10.4 7.8	1.4 2.4 3.1 4.8 6.5 6.1 4.4	(d)5,303 6,376 7,174 7,702 8,834 11,668 12,892	2,484 2,616 2,776 3,196 3,732 4,948 5,367	66.8 79.5 93.4 110.2 140.5 162.1 158.1	n.a. 240.4 286.3 340.8 422.3 482.5 490.5	636.6 673.5 776.4 910.1 1,144.2 1,201.7 1,162.4	261.1 329.9 368.8 403.9 479.3 621.4 638.1	148.9 175.9 212.8 271.1 372.9 402.4 389.3
Monthly Total— 1951–52— January February March April May June	139.4 127.9 136.9 117.5 91.6 99.7	8.2 9.6 11.0 10.2 9.7 7.8	4.6 5.3 5.9 5.4 5.6 5.1	12,167 12,420 12,168 11,684 12,968 11,972	4,840 5,023 4,940 4,834 5,798 5,657	145.7 161.0 168.9 160.2 153.8 149.8	469.7 478.1	1,218.3 1,228.5 1,241.3 1,246.6 1,182.0 1,122.9	638.6 654.6 664.1 667.9 675.6 691.2	375.5 414.7 400.7 401.2 403.2 399.7
July August September October November December January February March April May June	P 147.2 153.1 152.1 166.0 154.5 153.8 157.1 145.1 164.7 158.8 172.4 171.7	7.6 6.6 7.2 9.0 8.8 9.3 5.9 7.3 8.4 7.5 7.9 7.4	4.7 4.0 4.1 4.5 4.4 4.6 3.1 4.0 4.6 4.9 4.9	12,118 12,317 13,428 13,889 12,710 13,123 12,540 11,492 13,325 13,195 13,085 13,486	5,334 5,121 5,382 5,702 5,030 5,898 4,866 5,126 5,605 5,275 5,384 5,675	150.6 142.1 157.8 169.9 150.2 162.7 133.2 153.9 171.2 164.4 170.4 171.4	460.0 { 535.2 { 467.8 { 499.1 {	1,072.1 1,059.5 1,054.1 1,077.7 1,114.3 1,147.4 1,171.6 1,218.9 1,272.6 1,283.5 1,252.2 1,239.0	699.3 690.4 682.0 673.4 655.7 637.7 616.0 604.1 593.9 592.5 597.6 601.8	384.2 339.3 353.2 376.5 401.7 432.8 336.8 402.9 414.7 402.1 408.4 409.8
July August September October November December January	p 184.8 186.9 171.0 187.8 181.7 167.1 179.6	9.6 8.5 10.5 10.7 10.5 p11.0 p8.2	5.5 4.7 4.8 4.7 4.9 p5.0 p3.8	14,062 13,947 14,387	5,438 5,116 5,613 5,837 5,487 6,409 5,130	169.3 r 161.6 p188.7 p188.2	$502.3$ { r584.5 {	1,204.0 1,181.3 1,191.7 1,210.0 1,250.9 1,290.0 1,303.8	616.9 619.9 630.8 654.6 664.1 665.0 654.1	418.8 373.0 413.8 425.5 438.6 493.7 405.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Northern Territory, also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938–39. (b) Actual collections. (c) Quarterly average for years, and quarterly totals. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (d) Excludes Tasmania.

For meaning of symbols, n.a., r, p, ----, see page 1.

### POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average— 1936–37	15,529 15,279 19,399 19,008 18,498 18,558 19,211	29,634 29,924 30,636 48,072 44,252 44,149 47,048 48,114 49,228	16,129 16,170 17,023 18,401 18,876 19,041 19,001 19,896 20,661	13,505 13,754 13,613 29,671 25,376 25,108 28,047 28,218 28,567	496 1,676 3,339 -1,611 7,341 25,287 40,387 33,244 25,720	14,291 15,751 17,303 28,550 32,717 50,395 68,434 61,462 54,287	6,835,536 6,898,541 6,967,754 d7,579,358 7,710,228 7,911,806 8,185,541 8,431,390 8,648,539
Quarterly Total— 1950-51— December Qtr.	20,006	50,739 47,984 48,012	20,023 18,592 17,239	30,716 29,392 30,773	14,516 44,815 33,633	74,207 64,406	8,829,465 8,315,791 8,380,197
June ,, .  1951–52— September ,, . December ,, .	19,814	49,681 47,580	20,083 24,114 20,352	25,567 27,228	23,487 31,062	51,193 49,054 58,290	8,431,390 8,480,444 8,538,734
March ,, . June ,, . 1952–53— September ,, .	. 19,411 . 19,078 . 15,679	50,404 49,248 50,896	18,228 19,949 23,878	32,176 29,299 27,018	27,698 20,632 24,883	59,874 49,931 51,901	8,598,608 8,648,539 8,700,440
December ,,	. 17,393 . 18,406	51,102 51,469 49,489	19,542 17,142 19,532	31,560 34,327 29,957	20,819 8,632 3,730	52,379 42,959 33,687	8,752,819 8,795,778 8,829,465
September ,, December ,,		50,517	23,289	27,228	10,335 20,200	37,563	8,867,02

<sup>(</sup>a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.
(b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947.

(c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.

(d) Census—30th June, 1947.

### POPULATION: STATES.

Date.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June— 1939	***	2,748,393	1,878,480	1,018,007	596,563	470,044	237,419	6,281	12,567	6,967,754
1947 (b) 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953	•••	2,984,838 3,025,318 3,113,659 3,225,242 3,317,182 3,388,437 3,442,432	2,054,701 2,090,668 2,139,124 2,202,870 2,269,291 2,335,475 2,384,311	1,106,415 1,127,316 1,150,771 1,183,792 1,211,239 1,238,425 1,265,571	646,073 658,024 673,069 700,257 720,040 739,563 757,189	502,480 515,302 532,667 557,918 581,486 601,266 622,203	257,078 262,364 269,383 279,386 290,838 302,111 311,060	10,868 12,458 13,800 15,304 16,422 16,478 17,066	16,905 (a)18,778 (a)19,333 (a)20,772 24,892 26,784 29,633	8,185,541 8,431,390 8,648,539
30th Sept.,	1953	3,454,243	2,395,051	1,269,088	760,665	627,305	312,965	17,275	30,436	8,867,028

<sup>(</sup>a) Revised A.C.T. estimates based on Census of Canberra, 14th-16th September, 1951, are as follows:—1948, 19,806; 1949, 21,245; 1950, 23,867. (b) Census—30th June, 1947.

### OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

		Temp	orary.			Permanent.	
Period.	Australian	Residents.	Visitors fro	m Overseas.	Arrivals.	Australian Residents	Excess of Arrivals (+)
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.	Allivais.	Departing.	or Departures (-).
Monthly Average— 1936-37	1,910	1,937	2,294	2,297	1,148	953	+ 195
	2,127	2,060	2,617	2,678	1,478	925	+ 553
	2,145	1,966	2,649	2,742	2,081	1,055	+ 1,026
1946-47 (a)	793	940	1,229	1,430	1,918	2,107	- 189
	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	+ 2,358
	2,008	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	+ 8,057
	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	+13,799
	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	+11,045
	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	+ 8,746
	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	+ 5,274
Monthly Total—  1951–52—  December January February March April May June	4,274	3,443	5,103	3,709	12,597	1,448	+11,149
	4,333	3,359	4,502	4,908	8,558	2,302	+ 6,256
	3,249	4,186	4,292	4,409	9,996	2,139	+ 7,857
	3,997	4,655	4,682	4,613	16,675	2,015	+14,660
	2,452	4,497	4,065	4,366	10,949	2,353	+ 8,596
	2,318	4,703	3,950	5,036	9,650	2,730	+ 6,920
	2,331	2,919	3,092	3,786	14,524	2,309	+12,215
July	2,609	2,938	3,537	3,572	12,474	2,649	+ 9,825
	2,824	2,092	3,072	3,843	9,537	2,682	+ 6,855
	3,696	2,561	3,604	4,007	10,774	2,900	+ 7,874
	4,161	2,294	3,854	3,818	6,781	2,820	+ 3,961
	4,415	2,253	3,775	3,712	11,305	2,136	+ 9,169
	3,932	4,162	5,273	4,748	6,601	3,335	+ 3,266
January	3,799	3,589	3,907	5,220	7,181	2,785	+ 4,396
	3,306	4,014	4,042	3,742	6,015	2,559	+ 3,456
	3,496	5,836	4,885	5,335	8,268	3,187	+ 5,081
	3,441	5,021	4,379	4,999	6,802	2,710	+ 4,092
	2,310	3,729	2,812	4,266	3,493	2,856	+ 637
	2,224	2,640	2,918	3,108	6,659	1,979	+ 4,680
July August September October November	2,927	2,731	2,941	3,174	5,757	3,510	+ 2,247
	3,432	2,196	3,191	2,840	5,600	2,365	+ 3,235
	4,296	2,092	3,448	3,278	3,719	2,790	+ 929
	4,828	2,469	4,231	3,833	6,205	2,878	+ 3,327
	4,492	2,167	4,079	4,056	5,650	1,969	+ 3,681
	4,144	3,462	4,682	4,399	9,566	2,444	+ 7,122

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes troop movements.

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

				('000.)						
		ployment. (			Total F	Employmer	nt in Main Ir	ndustrial G	roups.	
Month.	Govern- mental	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Factories.	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessional and Personal Services. (d)
				Males.						
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259	9.7	133.6
1951—June 1952—June 1953—June	571.2 578.4 567.8		1,911.5 1,908.1 1,886.8	55.8 58.8 58.0	674.7 661.6 666.3	214.0		129.7 124.8 125.0	188.4 191.2 191.0	171.7 173.2 174.1
1952—September October November December 1953—September October November December	572.3 567.5 565.1 564.5 566.7 567.4 568.7 569.9	1,301.6 1,300.6 1,299.4 1,323.6 1,330.4 1,337.9	1,870.9 1,869.1 1,865.7 1,863.9 1,890.3 1,897.8 1,906.6		645.0 646.1 645.5 644.0 671.4 675.3 679.4 678.1	197.1 194.5 191.8 189.7 190.6 191.4	295.2 294.3 293.8 295.7 296.4 296.5	122.7 122.8 124.0 126.5 124.8 125.5 127.8 131.7	188.9 190.3 190.0 189.8 191.8 193.4 194.2 194.7	172.8 174.1 174.6 175.2
				FEMALES	· .					
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	11	4.9	129.0
1951—June 1952—June 1953—June	113.9 115.3 112.0	564.1	718.8 679.4 673.7	0.9	234.4 199.2 202.9	4.2	39.5	119.1 112.6 109.9	72.9	215.0
1952—September October November December 1953—September October November December	112.6 112.2 111.2 112.4 111.8	553.0 554.7 557.9 569.1 574.5 582.7	665.9 665.6 666.9 669.1 681.5 686.3 694.6 701.3	0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9	207.7 211.1 213.2	4.3 4.3 4.2 4.5 4.5 4.5 4.5	37.4 37.2 36.9 36.1 36.0 36.0	109.2 111.0 115.5 110.2 111.5 116.7	71.6 71.3 72.5 72.7 73.2	213.8 213.1 213.3 214.7 215.3 215.6
1020 1.1	1 405 (	1 225 2	1 720 2	Person 52.5		7 150.9	198.5	27	4.6	262.6
1939—July 1951—June 1952—June 1953—June	(70 (	1,945.2 7 1,893.8	2,630.3 2,587.5	56.6 59.7	909.1 860.8	216.5	334.8 2 339.4	248.8	259.7	386.4
1952—September October November December 1953—September October November December	680. 677.3 675.3 679. 679.3	1 1,854.6 3 1,855.3 7 1,857.3 1 1,892.7 2 1,904.9 6 1,920.6	2,534.7 2,532.6 2,533.0 2,571.8 2,584.1 2,601.2	60.7 60.4 59.4 59.2 59.4	839.1 839.1 836.1 879. 886.4 892.0	7 201.4 5 198.8 3 196.0 1 194.1 4 195. 6 195.9	332.6 331.5 0 330.7 2 331.8 1 332.4 9 332.5	232.0 235.0 242.0 3 235.0 4 237.0 5 244.5	261.9 261.6 261.6 264.3 266. 267.4	9 386.0 5 385.3 1 386.1 3 388.8 1 389.9 4 390.8

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1951 subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic)

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: STATES.(a)

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					( 000.)					
Month.	So	ew uth iles.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
				]	MALES.					
1939—July	52	9.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1 <b>951—June</b> 1 <b>952—June</b> 1 <b>953—J</b> une	75	8.2 4.4 4.3	525.8 524.4 521.6	259.3 258.1 255.2	170.0 171.5 170.6	125.3 126.0 130.2	60.2 61.0 61.8	4.6 4.4 4.6	8.1 8.3 8.5	1,911.5 1,908.1 1,886.8
November December 1953—August September	73 73 72 72 72 73 73 74	1.1 5.3 0.3 8.8 7.1 3.3 5.3 90.0 97.8	517.2 514.7 516.7 515.4 516.8 521.9 522.4 525.2 527.1 529.6	255.6 254.9 255.0 254.5 251.8 256.1 256.0 255.0 255.4 252.5	169.4 168.5 168.3 168.1 168.0 170.2 171.3 171.8 172.8 173.2	125.6 125.2 126.3 126.3 126.7 130.3 130.9 131.4 131.9 132.6	60.1 59.5 59.7 59.9 60.6 61.1 61.1 61.3 61.3	4.4 4.4 4.3 4.4 4.8 4.8 4.8 4.8	8.4 8.4 8.4 8.5 8.5 8.5 8.3 8.3	1,881.8 1,870.9 1,869.1 1,865.7 1,863.9 1,886.2 1,890.3 1,897.8 1,906.6
				F	EMALES.					
1939—July	16	0.8	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1951—June 1952—June 1953—June	27	00.9 70.5 66.2	219.6 206.6 205.9	86.1 83.8 83.7	57.0 54.9 53.4	41.6 40.5 41.0	20.3 19.8 20.1	0.8 0.8 0.9	2.5 2.5 2.5	718.8 679.4 673.7
November December 1953—August Septembe	26 26 26 26 26 26	55.3 3.8 53.6 54.0 64.5 58.1 59.8 72.2 76.8	202.9 202.7 203.0 203.5 203.6 206.8 208.6 210.0 212.2 214.6	83.8 83.7 83.3 83.6 84.1 84.2 84.4 84.5 84.5	53.3 53.0 53.0 52.8 53.4 53.9 54.2 54.5 55.3 56.2	40.1 40.3 40.4 40.6 40.7 41.3 41.4 41.8 42.2 42.6	19.3 19.1 19.1 19.2 19.5 19.8 19.7 19.9 20.2 20.6	0.8 0.8 0.8 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9	2.5 2.5 2.4 2.4 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5	668.0 665.9 665.6 666.9 669.1 677.5 681.5 686.3 694.6 701.3
					ERSONS.					
1939—July	69	7.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1 <b>,7</b> 30.2
1951—June 1952—June 1953—June	1,02	9.1 24.9 00.5	745.4 731.0 727.5	345.4 341.9 338.9	227.0 226.4 224.0	166.9 166.5 171.2	80.5 80.8 81.9	5.4 5.2 5.5	10.6 10.8 11.0	2,630.3 2,587.5 2,560.5
1952—August Septembe October November December 1953—August Septembe October November December	99 99 99 1,00 r 1,01	06.4 09.1 03.9 02.8 01.6 01.4 05.1 02.2	720.1 717.4 719.7 718.9 720.4 728.7 731.0 735.2 739.3 744.2	339.4 338.6 338.3 338.1 335.9 340.3 340.4 339.5 339.9 337.6	222.7 221.5 221.3 220.9 221.4 224.1 225.5 226.3 228.1 229.4	165.7 165.5 166.7 166.9 167.4 171.6 172.3 173.2 174.1 175.2	79.4 78.6 78.8 79.1 80.1 80.9 80.8 81.2 81.5 82.5	5.2 5.2 5.2 5.1 5.3 5.7 5.7 5.7 5.7	10.9 10.9 10.8 10.8 10.9 11.0 11.0 10.8 10.8	2,549.8 2,536.8 2,534.7 2,532.6 2,533.0 2,563.7 2,571.8 2,584.1 2,601.2 2,612.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.

### WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

									Australia.		
Period.	New South	Vic-	Queens-	South	Western	Tas-				ended ]	Av. 3 years June, 1939 1,000.
i eriod.	Wales.	toria.	land.	tralia.	tralia.	mania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population
Monthly	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	°000.	'000.		
Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	197.8 215.6 219.5	193.6 193.9	49.6 51.5	39.3 42.6 42.0	21.4 22.0 22.1	11.8 12.5 13.2	359.6 387.7 391.8	139.6 148.2 150.4	499.2 535.9 542.2	950 1,019 1,031	959 1,019 1,022
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 p 1949–50 p 1950–51 p 1951–52 p 1952–53 p	331.3 349.8 358.8 358.8 379.0 377.9 351.4	268.1 274.9 281.5 290.4 292.2	73.0 76.8 79.6 83.2 83.1	68.2 71.1 73.4 75.7 80.8 81.3 77.2	32.2 34.0 35.2 36.6 38.6 38.8 38.7	19.2 20.3 21.2 21.9 22.2 22.0 21.5	578.2 611.5 628.0 636.9 664.8 672.3 652.7	197.4 204.8 212.3 217.2 229.4 223.0 197.3	775.6 816.3 840.3 854.1 894.2 895.3 850.0	1,475 1,553 1,598 1,624 1,701 1,703 1,617	1,347 1,397 1,408 1,386 1,408 1,369 1,268
Monthly Total—  1951–52 p— December January February March April May June	383.9 380.2 378.1 375.2 367.7 361.9 358.9	294.5 292.4 291.7 286.9 284.1	80.3 80.9 79.7 79.9 81.7	81.9 82.3 81.5 81.7 81.2 79.9 79.3	39.1 39.0 38.9 38.9 38.3 38.0 37.6	22.0 22.5 22.2 22.2 22.5 22.3 22.0	674.1 675.4 674.1 672.9 667.8 663.3 661.6	228.9 223.4 219.9 216.5 208.7 204.6 199.2	903.0 898.8 894.0 839.4 876.5 867.9 860.8	1,718 1,710 1,700 1,692 1,667 1,651 1,637	1,383 1,374 1,363 1,354 1,330 1,316 1,301
July August September October November December	354.1 350.3 346.8 347.0 347.4 345.5	274.5 273.6 275.3 274.8	82.7 82.3 82.7 82.6	78.4 77.1 76.2 76.0 75.8 76.4	37.4 38.0 37.8 38.1 38.2 38.2	21.4 20.8 20.6 20.6 20.7 21.2	655.3 650.0 645.0 646.1 645.5 644.0	196.2 193.4 192.3 193.6 194.0 192.3	851.5 843.4 837.3 839.7 839.5 836.3	1,619 1,604 1,593 1,597 1,597	1,284 1,269 1,258 1,258 1,256 1,249
January February March April May June	351.6 354.9 356.3 357.6	276.2 281.5 285.1 285.1 285.2 286.0	80.9 81.9 82.7 83.3	76.1 77.8 78.1 78.4 78.1 78.4	38.4 38.9 39.5 39.8 39.9 39.9	21.8 21.9 22.1 22.2 22.2 22.0	644.1 652.9 657.7 661.3 663.5 666.3	193.7 199.7 203.9 203.2 202.8 202.9	837.8 852.6 861.6 864.5 866.3 869.2	1,593 1,622 1,639 1,644 1,648 1,653	1,247 1,268 1,278 1,280 1,282 1.284
July August September October November December	359.4 362.3 367.1 370.2	286.9 287.9 289.7 292.3 294.3 294.1	86.5 86.1 85.2 85.2	78.3 79.0 79.6 80.1 80.9 82.3	39.9 39.9 39.9 40.0 40.2 40.3	21.7 21.4 21.5 21.7 21.8 22.3	667.2 669.0 671.4 675.3 679.4 678.1	204.2 205.1 207.7 211.1 213.2 213.9	871.4 874.1 879.1 886.4 892.6	1,657 1,662 1,672 1,686 1,698	1,313

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp. For meaning of symbol p see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.		New South	Victoria.	Queens-	South	Western	т .		Australia.(5)	)
1 61100.		Wales.	victoria.	land.	Australia.	Australia.	Tasmania.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
Monthly Average 1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	ge	85.1 91.0 93.9 93.4 97.2 95.9 90.1	60.5 63.4 65.7 66.8 68.8 68.6 66.1	27.8 29.2 29.9 30.2 31.1 31.3 30.0	20.4 21.8 22.6 23.1 23.9 23.6 22.4	15.2 16.3 17.1 17.6 18.2 18.4 18.1	6.5 6.7 6.9 7.0 7.3 7.3 7.2	112.4 121.2 125.5 126.7 129.3 128.0 124.2	103.4 107.6 111.2 112.0 117.8 117.7 110.4	215.8 228.8 236.7 238.7 247.1 245.7 234.6
Monthly Total— 1951–52— December January February March April May June		101.9 96.5 95.1 94.1 92.8 92.7 91.8	70.8 69.0 68.1 67.7 66.9 66.7	32.6 31.5 31.1 30.4 30.4 30.4	24.2 24.0 23.4 23.1 23.0 23.1 22.9	19.1 18.5 18.5 18.3 18.3 18.2	7.6 7.4 7.2 7.3 7.3 7.2 7.1	132.2 128.5 127.3 126.3 125.5 125.3 124.8	124.7 119.0 116.5 115.3 113.8 113.6 112.6	256.9 247.5 243.8 241.6 239.3 238.9 237.4
1952–53— July August September October November December		90.7 89.7 89.0 88.9 90.3 93.6	66.3 65.5 64.9 65.3 66.2 68.1	30.2 29.8 29.8 29.7 30.1 30.8	22.7 22.6 22.5 22.5 22.5 22.7	17.8 17.7 17.8 17.8 18.0 18.6	7.2 7.1 7.1 7.1 7.2 7.5	124.0 123.4 122.7 122.8 124.0 126.5	111.5 109.7 109.1 109.2 111.0 115.5	235.5 233.1 231.8 232.0 235.0 242.0
January February March April May June		90.2 89.8 89.8 89.7 89.9	66.1 66.2 66.0 66.2 66.1	30.2 30.0 29.8 29.9 30.0 30.2	22.2 22.2 21.8 22.4 22.3 22.6	18.1 18.1 17.9 18.2 18.3 18.4	7.4 7.2 7.3 7.3 7.3 7.2	124.4 124.2 123.9 124.5 124.8 125.0	110.4 109.9 109.6 109.6 109.9 109.9	234.8 234.1 233.5 234.1 234.7 234.9
July August September October November December		89.8 90.1 90.1 90.9 95.2 99.1	65.4 65.4 65.8 66.4 67.7 71.7	30.2 30.1 30.2 30.4 31.0 31.8	22.4 22.4 22.6 22.7 23.5 23.4	18.4 18.3 18.4 18.7 19.0 19.7	7.3 7.3 7.2 7.3 7.6 7.9	124.3 124.5 124.8 125.5 127.8 131.7	109.8 109.7 110.2 111.5 116.7 122.4	234.1 234.2 235.0 237.0 244.5 254.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
(b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
		Averac	GE WEEKLY	Total Was	ges Paid (£'	000).		
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52		5,838 6,976 8,133 9,018 11,385 14,364 15,090	3,958 4,719 5,540 6,370 7,916 9,816 10,490	1,770 2,069 2,503 2,838 3,501 4,319 4,750	1,150 1,369 1,644 1,894 2,389 3,018 3,311	827 954 1,120 1,315 1,639 2,108 2,344	409 492 580 672 817 1,059 1,178	13,952 16,579 19,520 22,107 27,647 34,684 37,163
1951–52— September Qtr. December ,, March ,, June ,,	• •	13,387 14,988 14,083 14,998	9,292 10,122 9,537 10,315	4,099 4,439 4,143 4,594	2,808 3,054 3,005 3,205	1,987 2,110 2,073 2,265	950 1,046 1,079 1,160	32,523 35,759 33,920 36,537
September ,, December ,, March ,, June ,,		14,934 15,729 14,241 15,456	10,181 11,017 9,932 10,828	4,661 5,003 4,501 4,837	3,243 3,454 3,147 3,401	2,281 2,394 2,288 2,413	1,107 1,174 1,181 1,248	36,407 38,771 35,290 38,183
September "		15,654	11,059	4,970	3,483	2,560	1,218	38,944
	Av	ERAGE WEEK	LY EARNIN	GS PER EMP	LOYED MALE	Unit (£).(	c)	1
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52		6.81 7.73 8.73 9.50 11.46 14.24 15.50	6.86 7.80 8.84 9.78 11.70 14.20 15.46	6.00 6.58 7.63 8.34 9.82 11.93 13.32	6.19 7.02 8.03 8.83 10.58 13.13 14.58	6.18 6.87 7.75 8.65 10.23 12.80 14.13	5.94 6.72 7.56 8.49 9.99 12.59 13.97	6.59 7.44 8.44 9.26 11.09 13.65 14.95
1951-52— September Qtr. December ,, March ,, June ,,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	13.26 14.75 13.94 15.02	13.45 14.65 13.73 14.99	11.18 12.21 11.58 12.76	12.26 13.31 13.03 13.90	12.14 12.83 12.56 13.68	11.42 12.47 12.75 13.69	12.79 14.04 13.34 14.46
1952-53— September ,, December ,, March ,, June ,,	• •	15.23 16.24 14.70 15.84	15.06 16.30 14.60 15.86	12.96 13.99 12.76 13.55	14.26 15.30 13.91 14.86	13.93 14.55 13.75 14.31	13.35 14.13 13.83 14.52	14.62 15.66 14.23 15.28
1953-54— September ,,		16.01	16.18	13.81	15.19	15.08	14.45	15.55

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

Note.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

### UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947–1953 and of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (operative from 1st July, 1945 to 30th June, 1947) which it repealed.

Number of Persons on Benefit at End of each Month.(a)

			Un	employment				Sickness.	Special.(b)
Period.	New South Wales (c)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Monthly Average— 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	637	140	2,640	49	390	32	3,888	8,538	517
	282	32	1,094	15	121	31	1,575	7,614	591
	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	10,247	7,585	897
	287	71	326	6	59	14	763	7,059	863
	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	2,647	6,454	993
	17,590	6,168	4,281	842	841	262	29,984	7,140	1,408
Monthly Total—  1951–52—  January (e) (f)  February  March  April .  May .  June	336	53	2,190	3	48	5	2,635	5,942	981
	460	40	2,293	4	50	5	2,852	6,131	997
	858	111	2,742	23	55	7	3,796	6,408	1,047
	1,370	279	2,530	18	55	9	4,261	5,977	1,063
	2,687	379	2,016	57	82	24	5,245	6,241	1,055
	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	8,294	6,378	1,148
July August September October (f) November December January	7,300	2,947	2,188	448	618	179	13,680	6,387	1,172
	13,661	6,454	2,631	878	954	299	24,877	6,556	1,153
	15,982	7,058	2,716	954	790	306	27,806	6,830	1,170
	19,004	7,042	3,200	1,062	875	367	31,550	6,661	1,458
	20,839	7,685	3,289	1,080	921	316	34,130	7,137	1,368
	25,118	7,817	4,452	1,209	1,233	257	40,086	6,382	1,289
	23,653	8,416	7,034	1,205	1,136	189	41,633	7,077	1,399
February March April May June	20,867	5,158	7,002	730	816	188	34,761	7,436	1,375
	17,802	4,422	5,882	644	701	223	29,674	7,860	1,284
	16,871	5,454	4,972	658	700	250	28,905	7,418	1,590
	15,351	5,630	4,333	576	654	243	26,787	7,804	1,648
	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	25,914	8,135	1,985
July August September October November December January	14,296	6,052	3,154	728	870	405	25,505	8,421	2,050
	12,222	5,549	2,794	596	689	447	22,297	8,546	1,846
	9,975	4,567	2,591	427	541	427	18,528	8,546	1,875
	7,070	3,314	2,495	289	445	312	13,925	8,241	1,871
	5,659	2,367	2,488	224	374	223	11,335	8,181	1,868
	5,742	2,202	3,279	198	386	142	11,949	7,824	1,839
	5,589	1,920	5,295	132	388	99	13,423	7,412	1,833

<sup>(</sup>a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. (f) From January to September, 1952, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month; thereafter, the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

For meaning of symbol ----, see page 1.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS-continued.

Number admitted to Unemployment Benefit and Amount paid in Benefits : Australia.

		Number Ad	mitted to Une Benefit.	employment		Amoun	t Paid in Be	nefits.	
Period.					Unem-		Spec	ial	
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	ployment.	Sickness.	Migrants.	Ordinary.	Total.
Monthly Average	ρ				£	£	£	£	£
1947–48 1948–49	• •	2,273 955	. 116 . 56	2,389 1,011	30,802 11,570	65,944 66,319	1,319 7,088	3,391 4,225	101,456 89,202
1949-50		10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,	361	208,868
1950–51 1951–52 1952–53		881 1,771 12,793	111 520 1,797	992 2,291 14,590	5,204 15,584 380,812	62,143 59,157 116,108	13,520 6,911 8,172	5,568 2,319 16,197	86,435 83,971 521.289
Monthly Total—  1951-52—  January February March April .  May .  June		1,940 1,605 2,442 2,251 3,085 5,068	241 448 947 954 1,440 1,500	2,181 2,053 3,389 3,205 4,525 6,568	16,964 24,057 22,279 26,442 29,037 42,345	61,154 58,020 51,699 53,215 55,993 61,706	2,949 3,175 1,401 1,741 4,712 5,480	7,494 7,130 6,608 7,297 6,517 9,265	88,561 92,382 81,987 88,695 96,259 118,796
July August September October November December January		9,037 18,387 13,491 14,502 17,071 12,611 19,276	2,049 3,257 1,914 1,839 2,158 1,572 1,651	11,086 21,644 15,405 16,341 19,229 14,183 20,927	62,782 108,369 165,905 322,697 418,642 466,964 554,904	52,981 59,372 64,754 102,636 125,295 125,610 145,912	15,648 9,963 10,213 15,193 3,649 4,358 10,905	8,391 9,420 6,007 10,095 21,388 19,753 22,529	139,802 187,124 246,879 450,621 568,974 616,685 734,250
February March April May June		11,509 8,525 9,641 10,716 8,746	1,513 1,249 1,299 1,698 1,371	13,022 9,774 10,940 12,414 10,117	619,691 479,235 413,500 489,769 467,289	145,556 122,060 116,520 169,313 163,285	9,706 3,525 5,844 6,857 2,204	17,999 14,134 15,348 23,463 25,839	792,952 618,954 551,212 689,402 658,617
1953–54— July August September October November December January		8,233 8,153 4,772 4,565 2,919 3,448 6,883	1,467 1,377 838 845 630 523 749	9,700 9,530 5,610 5,410 3,549 3,971 7,632	367,739 332,777 317,878 265,396 196,558 178,023	142,114 144,316 153,423 151,519 146,036 r163,169	7,141 2,822 3,734 722 3,355 3,647	28,352 26,808 27,103 25,720 26,119 27,694	545,346 506,723 502,138 443,357 372,068 r372,533

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

### TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States and some industries the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States or industrial groups. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per Cent.)

Per	riod.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39		12.8 10.0 10.3	10.1 8.2 10.0	7.4 6.9 6.0	.9.4 7.3 9.4	6.0 5.4 6.5	8.4 6.8 8.9	10.6 8.5 9.3
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 (a) 1950-51 1951-52 p 1952-53 p		1.5 1.0 0.9 3.3 0.9 1.3 4.1	1.3 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.7 1.0 4.3	0.9 0.6 0.4 0.9 0.5 0.9 2.1	1.1 0.9 1.0 2.2 0.9 1.1 3.1	1.4 1.1 0.8 1.1 0.8 0.9 1.7	2.3 1.5 0.6 0.7 0.6 1.7 4.6	1.4 1.0 0.8 2.0 0.8 1.2 3.7
1950–51— August November February May		1.1 0.9 0.8 0.9	0.7 0.7 0.6 0.6	0.5 0.3 0.2 0.8	1.1 0.9 0.7 0.8	0.8 0.9 0.7 0.7	0.5 0.4 0.6 1.0	0.8 0.7 0.7 0.8
November February		0.6 0.7 1.2 2.8	0.5 0.7 1.0 1.6	0.2 0.4 1.1 1.8	0.8 0.8 0.9 2.0	0.7 0.7 0.5 1.6	1.2 0.9 1.1 3.4	0.6 0.7 1.1 2.2
1952-53 p— August November February May		4.2 4.8 3.9 3.5	4.9 4.8 3.8 3.7	2.5 1.8 2.2 2.0	3.8 3.2 2.8 2.4	2.4 1.5 1.6 1.2	5.2 5.2 4.7 3.3	4.0 4.1 3.4 3.1

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

Note.—Fuller particulars are shown in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

### INDUSTRIAL GROUPS: CHANGE FROM FEBRUARY, 1953 TO MAY, 1953.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 5.5% to 4.1%; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 2.1% to 1.5%; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., Nil (4.8%); IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 1.1% to 1.2%; V. Books, printing, &c., 0.5% to 0.3%; VI. Other Manufacturing, 9.2% to 7.6%; VII. Building, 5.6% to 6.4%; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., Nil (2.4%); X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 2.6% to 1.2%; IX., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 2.6% to 2.8%; All groups—3.4% to 3.1%.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

			Produce	rs' Mate	rials for use	in—			Fue	ls	Auxil	arv	Munitio	ons
Period.	Building Construct		Rur Indu <b>s</b> t		Manufact	turing.	Total		Lubric	1	Aids Produc	to	and W Store	ar
	Class	Ia.	Class	Ιв.	Class	Ic.	Class	Ι.	Class	II.	Class	III.	Class V	II.
Monthly Average 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1946–47 1947–48	347 472 385	% 4.0 4.4 4.1	143 155 171	% 1.7 1.5 1.8	3,435 4,285 3,599	39.9 40.2 38.2	3,925 4,912 4,155	46.1	621 784 736	7.2 7.4 7.8	408 470 469	% 4.7 4.4 4.9	31 36 88	% 0.4 0.4 0.9
10.47 40	405 727 1,194 2,026 3,416 4,898 1,482	2.3 2.6 3.5 4.5 5.5 5.6 3.5	316 289 318 431 416 518 368	1.8 1.0 0.9 1.0 0.7 0.6 0.9	7,595 12,362 13,545 14,438 23,479 34,630 14,620	43.8 43.9 39.2 32.3 38.0 39.6 34.4	8,316 13,378 15,057 16,895 27,311 40,046 16,470	47.5 43.6 37.8 44.2 45.8	1,527 2,379 3,037 3,852 5,029 5,902 5,313	8.8 8.4 8.8 8.6 8.1 6.7 12.5	1,129 2,059 2,212 2,390 2,829 5,236 1,894	6.5 7.3 6.4 5.4 4.6 6.0 4.5	428 129 257 129 94 1,132 756	2.5 0.5 0.7 0.3 0.2 1.3 1.8
Monthly Total— 1951-52— December January · February March · April · May · June ·	5,638 8,144 5,604 4,736 4,528 3,629 1,828	8.2 7.1 5.3 5.5 5.6 4.8 3.3	667 620 471 334 396 497 310	1.0 0.5 0.4 0.4 0.5 0.7 0.6	27,162 46,944 41,109 31,587 29,541 24,611 19,467	39.8 41.1 38.8 37.0 36.2 32.7 35.5	33,467 55,708 47,184 36,657 34,465 28,737 21,605	48.7 44.5 42.9 42.3 38.2	3,884 8,079 5,515 6,540 5,595 6,753 6,021	5.7 7.1 5.2 7.7 6.9 9.0 11.0	3,679 4,522 7,709 5,704 4,793 5,042 3,255	5.4 4.0 7.3 6.7 5.9 6.7 5.9	514 1,753 1,509 1,663 2,127 2,626 2,051	0.7 1.5 1.4 1.9 2.6 3.5 3.8
July August September October November December	1,736 836 1,490 1,722 1,395 1,400	3.5 2.1 3.5 3.9 3.9 3.7	385 405 458 403 246 276	0.8 1.0 1.1 0.9 0.7 0.7	16,940 15,161 15,464 13,500 12,565 12,329	33.9 38.3 36.5 30.7 35.4 31.9	19,061 16,402 17,412 15,625 14,206	41.4 41.1 35.5 40.0	6,608 5,465 6,222 5,924 4,551 5,127	13.3 13.8 14.6 13.5 12.8 13.3	4,240 2,879 1,844 814 1,227 1,358	8.5 7.3 4.4 1.9 3.5 3.6	890 297 381 305 415 223	1.8 0.8 0.9 0.7 1.1 0.6
January February March April May June	1,407 1,280 1,478 1,525 1,762 1,749	3.1 3.3 3.6 4.0 4.2	316 404 331 337 500 363	0.7 1.0 0.8 0.7 1.1 0.9	15,906 13,393 15,620 14,393 15,683 14,483	35.6 32.2 35.3 33.3 35.5 34.5	17,629 15,077 17,429 16,255 17,945 16,595	36.3 39.4 37.6 40.6	5,549 4,910 4,472 5,802 4,961 4,170	12.4 11.8 10.1 13.4 11.2 9.9	1,575 1,330 1,642 1,514 2,072 - 2,238	3.5 3.2 3.7 3.5 4.7 5.3	267 4,362 222 459 621 625	0.6 10.5 0.5 1.1 1.4 1.5
July August September October November December	1,455 1,866 1,875 1,611 1,626 2,126	2.8 3.6 3.5 3.2 3.2 3.6	358 364 358 306 383 607	0.7 0.7 0.7 0.6 0.8 1.0	17,737 18,760 18,249 18,018 18,628 21,037	34.1 35.9 34.4 35.7 36.7 35.9	19,550 20,990 20,482 19,935 20,637 23,770	40.2 38.6 39.5 40.7	6,541. 4,565 6,258 5,786 6,152 4,725	8.7 11.8	2,043 2,144 2,473 1,201 1,372 1,896	3.9 4.1 4.6 2.4 2.7 3.2	518 747 239 328 497 375	1.0 1.5 0.5 0.6 1.0 0.6

### IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

				(%)	1.000 1.0	.D. 1 01	t of Shiph	ileiit.)						
		(	Capital Equ	ipment					Finish	ed Cons	umers' Go	ods.		
Period.	Produc Equipm		Road Vel	hicles	Raily Equipment	way ment,	Food, Bev		Clothin		All O	ther.	Tota	ıl.
			Parts		Airci									
	Class	IV.	Class V	. В.	Class V.	A, C, D.	Class VI.	A, B, C.	Class V	I. D.	Class V	І. Е- ј.	Class	VI.
Monthly Average— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	884 1,149 1,104	% 10.3 10.9 11.7	872 1,161 899	% 10.2 11.0 9.5	146 205 119	% 1.7 1.9 1.3	516 531 564	% 6.0 5.0 6.0	46 68 84	% 0.5 0.6 0.9	1,157 1,299 1,217	% 13.4 12.3 12.9	1,719 1,898 1,865	% 19.9 17.9 19.8
1946-47	1,435 2,393 3,409 5,297 6,675 9,960 8,409	8.3 8.5 9.9 11.9 10.8 11.4 19.8	1,544 2,437 4,231 8,643 9,239 10,941 3,569	8.9 8.6 12.2 19.3 14.9 12.5 8.4	231 172 355 497 1,137 1,661 1,703	1.3 0.6 1.0 1.1 1.8 1.9 4.0	868 1,617 1,619 2,163 2,871 3,074 1,917	5.0 5.7 4.7 4.8 4.7 3.5 4.5	107 280 614 578 745 1,149 130	0.6 1.0 1.8 1.3 1.2 1.3 0.3	1,777 3,330 3,714 4,233 5,893 8,377 2,308	10.2 11.9 10.9 9.5 9.5 9.6 5.4	2,752 5,227 5,947 6,974 9,509 12,600 4,355	15.8 18.6 17.4 15.6 15.4 14.4 10.2
Monthly Total— 1951–52— December January February March April May June	7,210 11,374 11,450 10,190 10,893 12,447 10,000	10.6 10.0 10.8 11.9 13.3 16.5 18.2	8,087 13,992 15,836 10,714 10,691 10,073 5,149	11.9 12.2 14.9 12.5 13.1 13.4 9.4	1,053 2,864 2,390 1,086 1,303 1,479 1,665	1.5 2.5 2.3 1.3 1.6 2.0 3.0	2,039 3,096 2,698 2,617 2,441 2,206 1,859	3.0 2.7 2.5 3.1 3.0 2.9 3.4	1,065 1,785 1,856 1,543 901 419 141	1.6 1.6 1.8 1.8 1.1 0.5 0.3	7,233 11,063 9,836 8,687 8,325 5,535 3,134	10.6 9.7 9.3 10.2 10.2 7.3 5.6	10,337 15,944 14,390 12,847 11,667 8,160 5,134	15.2 14.0 13.6 15.1 14.3 10.7 9.3
July August September October November December	8,474 6,489 8,231 10,093 7,299 8,322	17.0 16.4 19.3 23.0 20.5 21.6	4,852 2,859 2,667 2,933 3,004 3,074	9.7 7.2 6.4 6.7 8.5 8.0	2,048 1,902 1,355 4,326 1,678 2,337	4.1 4.8 3.2 9.8 4.7 6.1	1,577 1,434 2,146 1,590 1,135 1,915	3.2 3.6 5.1 3.6 3.2 5.0	118 98 105 107 80	0.2' 0.2 0.2 0.3 0.2 0.3	1,992 1,769 2,021 2,196 1,949 1,988	4.0 4.5 4.8 5.0 5.5 5.2	3,687 3,301 4,272 3,893 3,164 4,014	7.4 8.3 10.1 8.9 8.9 10.5
January February March April May June	9,158 8,639 9,246 8,790 8,130 8,032	20.5 20.8 20.9 20.3 18.4 19.1	4,555 3,002 4,159 3,803 3,907 4,012	10.2 7.2 9.4 8.8 8.8 9.6	1,464 1,358 2,018 555 493 898	3.3 3.3 4.6 1.3 1.1 2.1	2,221 917 1,960 2,947 2,913 2,253	5.0 2.2 4.4 6.8 6.6 5.4	105 72 197 208 157 204	0.2 0.2 0.5 0.5 0.3 0.5	2,181 1,850 2,865 2,907 3,036 2,939	4.9 4.5 6.5 6.7 6.9 7.0	4,507 2,839 5,022 6,062 6,106 5,396	10.1 6.9 11.4 14.0 13.8 12.9
953–54 p— July August September October November December	8,753 9,910 10,001 8,239 7,804 9,200	16.8 19.0 18.8 16.3 15.4 15.7	5,247 5,584 5,299 4,638 4,889 5,552	10.1 10.7 10.0 9.2 9.7 9.5	1,657	1.5 2.0 2.0 3.3 2.6 5.8	3,829 2,458 2,069 2,744 2,209 2,545	7.4 4.7 3.9 5.4 4.4 4.3	283 275 384 370 409 443	0.5 0.5 0.7 0.7 0.8 0.8	4,490 4,484 4,823 5,602 5,356 6,736	8.6 8.6 9.1 11.1 10.5 11.5	8,602 7,217 7,276 8,716 7,974 9,724	

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

		Produ	cers' Mate (Class I.)	rials.	Finished	Consumer (Class VI.		Tota		of Merchano Classes.)	dise.
Period.		Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39		1,024 1,241 1,100	373 449 351	2,528 3,222 2,704	45 48 55	303 300 309	1,371 1,550 1,501	1,069 1,289 1,155	1,505 1,796 1,627	6,032 7,530 6,653	8,606 10,615 9,435
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 p		2,422 2,903 3,273 3,916 7,012 7,788 4,712	795 1,803 2,059 1,777 3,185 4,788 2,195	5,099 8,672 9,725 11,202 17,114 27,469 9,563	109 107 133 180 273 359 251	634 1,110 899 1,277 1,600 1,446 1,182	2,009 4,010 4,915 5,517 7,636 10,795 2,922	2,531 3,010 3,406 4,096 7,285 8,147 4,963	3,321 5,872 6,738 7,851 10,961 13,933 9,443	11,510 19,292 24,361 32,730 43,577 65,398 28,063	17,362 28,174 34,505 44,677 61,823 87,478 42,469
Monthly Total 1951–52— December January February March April May June		5,386 10,808 8,448 6,808 4,616 6,498 4,656	3,825 7,976 4,872 3,171 3,090 2,512 2,820	24,256 36,924 33,864 26,678 26,759 19,727 14,129	143 251 202 167 260 375 142	765 1,366 1,313 1,154 1,243 1,087 1,581	9,429 14,327 12,875 11,526 10,164 6,698 3,411	5,529 11,059 8,650 6,975 4,876 6,873 4,798	9,895 19,678 14,031 12,703 11,814 12,011 11,675	52,807 83,499 83,302 65,723 64,844 56,433 38,407	68,231 114,236 105,983 85,401 81,534 75,317 54,880
July August September October November December	•••	5,121 4,445 4,823 3,648 4,240 4,016	1,780 2,768 2,956 2,084 2,342 1,214	12,160 9,189 9,633 9,891 7,624 8,775	110 173 221 333 159 200	1,011 998 1,543 906 518 1,137	2,566 2,130 2,508 2,654 2,487 2,677	5,231 4,618 5,044 3,981 4,399 4,216	10,550 9,994 11,514 8,949 8,001 8,196	34,079 24,982 25,826 30,983 23,144 26,048	49,860 39,594 42,384 43,913 35,544 38,460
January February March April May June	•••	4,928 5,095 4,780 5,046 5,158 5,246	2,407 1,368 2,212 2,308 2,709 2,194	10,294 8,614 10,437 8,901 10,078 9,155	367 115 199 482 320 331	1,480 473 1,270 1,825 1,773 1,250	2,660 2,251 3,553 3,755 4,013 3,814	5,295 5,210 4,979 5,528 5,478 5,577	10,294 7,490 8,789 10,767 10,332 8,434	29,115 28,817 30,442 26,945 28,425 27,955	44,704 41,517 44,210 43,240 44,235 41,966
1953–54 p— July August September October November December		5,168 5,421 4,806 4,754 5,615 6,400	2,593 3,375 3,070 3,093 2,758 3,026	11,789 12,194 12,606 12,088 12,264 14,344	687 295 255 444 362 327	1,749 1,461 1,026 1,528 1,138 1,175	6,166 5,461 5,995 6,744 6,474 8,222	5,855 5,716 5,061 5,198 5,977 6,727	11,899 10,444 11,379 11,393 11,009 10,097	34,299 36,073 36,638 33,909 33,687 41,866	52,053 52,233 53,078 50,500 50,673 58,690

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period		Wool,	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Sugar.	Meats.	Hides and	Lead.	Dried Fruits.	Fresh Fruits.	Total Exports.
Monthly Average 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	• • •	5,209 3,915 3,561	2,029 2,245 1,106	734 898 1,074	309 336 348	861 1,021 982	609 516 342	402 409 356	172 224 239	165 171 169	12,374 11,806 10,212
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53r		10,511 12,396 19,283 26,096 52,779 26,953 33,576	2,406 7,053 8,202 7,376 8,921 7,359 7,449	1,048 1,719 1,984 2,056 1,539 383 1,675	235 264 1,108 1,185 1,240 586 1,805	1,761 1,882 (a)2,388 2,854 2,533 2,957 5,481	1,228 1,030 1,017 1,263 2,272 1,428 1,677	904 1,148 1,856 1,416 1,796 2,156 2,116	202 213 288 241 389 472 669	129 324 260 328 477 572 791	25,752 33,844 45,206 51,141 81,816 55,668 70,906
Monthly Total—  1951–52— December January February March April . May . June .		30,619 36,652 32,486 38,014 30,167 21,273 22,248	3,233 5,464 5,475 5,863 7,972 7,540 6,070	359 1,234 392 196 172 498 397	217 30 57 54 31 294 142	2,312 2,408 2,281 2,465 2,713 3,616 2,887	1,089 1,572 1,510 1,338 1,263 1,010 1,222	1,277 1,154 1,099 2,927 3,054 1,182 2,787	114 96 52 5 575 1,350 902	53 72 119 343 991 2,098 2,150	49,652 64,560 56,253 66,563 59,000 51,825 53,021
1952–53— July August September October November December		23,910 9,698 15,319 41,647 46,447 48,435	5,899 6,973 5,526 5,886 6,650 4,893	438 589 1,014 3,188 2,618 3,365	30 877 2,200 2,794 3,518 1,561	5,082 5,516 6,025 7,953 6,915 5,613	1,350 1,618 1,342 1,666 1,767 1,753	3,743 2,467 1,764 3,687 3,689 494	907 1,120 1,017 104 147	1,026 544 184 208 86 159	57,493 41,819 50,218 84,925 86,559 81,716
January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	34,389 31,824 48,681 38,580 31,493 32,484	6,390 5,050 10,097 10,348 9,534 12,141	1,024 1,257 2,267 1,502 1,499 1,336	2,020 2,650 3,011 1,782 962 250	5,137 4,652 4,855 4,308 4,431 5,289	1,636 1,876 1,525 1,996 1,966 1,633	931 1,708 1,660 2,151 1,470 1,629	19 17 153 1,520 1,915 1,092	12 172 1,068 2,347 3,012 679	66,638 64,817 90,191 79,240 72,953 74,305
1953–54 p— July August September October November December		32,514 12,198 23,634 50,967 49,473 48,235	12,893 5,396 4,989 4,643 5,763 2,841	818 r685 512 1,234 2,448 1,190	1,110 3,514 4,191 4,854 4,807 3,898	7,501 7,004 5,078 4,672 5,256 4,925	1,731 1,553 1,974 1,916 1,469 1,453	2,172 1,880 3,278 1,805 1,887 1,938	1,483 1,209 527 384 368 107	413 167 67 130 148 115	76,596 48,530 59,669 86,064 85,202 79,307

<sup>(</sup>a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000). Gold Ingot, Bar, Sheet, Granulated, Dust, &c., and Gold Specie.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes Gold contained in Matte,

### EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (from July, 1945 to September, 1951), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

	1.										All G	oups.
Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals.	Meats.	Sugar.	Dried Fruits.	Tallow.	Hides. (e)	Gold.	Ex- cluding Gold.	In- cluding. Gold.
Percentage Dis- tribution of Base Aggregate (h	40 05			6.83 7.34			1.81	0.64			100.00	100.00
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	122 99 79	111	92 107 101		106	92		100		98 103	102 82	115 102 83
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	287 365 473 999 564 616	413 400 432 436		478 421 689 811	171 196 209 263	343 369 410 464	162 176 226 302	499 400 356 451	479 752 486	122 164 176 184	348 399 690 495	283 332 383 654 473 p482
1951–52— December January February March April May June	460 475 543	432 432 432 432 432 432	291 291 291 291 291 291	825 827 817 799 711	271 271 273 273 273	501 501 501 501 501 501	303 303 300 300 300	483 483 483 0 483 0 483 0 483	531 451 378 3 398 3 346	193 196 193 187 5 184	498 475 445 451 477	477 456 427 432 457
July August September October November December	(i) 566 551 588 588	432 1 432 8 432 8 432	313 313 313 313 313	613 603 501 501	294 294 321 321	501 501 501 501	300 300 300 300	483 483 0 (i) 483 0 360 322	381 379 383 383 404 2 395	187 188 3 188 4 187 5 184	486 477 490 490	469 459 469 469
January February March April May June	626 656 67 701	p448 p448 p448 p448	313 313 313 313 313	3 475 3 463 4 418 3 407	321 321 321 321 321	501 501 501 501	300 290 290 290 290	295 298 0 284 0 252	375 364 4 344 2 352	186 1 185 1 185 2 184	p509 p522 p526 p526	p486 p496 p500 p51.
July August September October November December	(i) 634 620 634 p634 p61	p448 6 p448 4 p448 4 p448 1 p448	325 325 325 325 325 325 325 325	450 438 5 450 6 458 6 442	331 331 340 340 2 340	500 500 500 500 500 500	290 290 290 290 290 290 290	25 0 260 0 260 0 30 0 34	321 336 9 374 1 383 1 373	1 182 6 182 4 181 3 176 7 172	p512 p508 p508 p513	p48 p48 p49 p49 p47

<sup>(</sup>a) From October, 1951, to November 1953, the prices used for wheat are the estimated average realizations after weighting prices of quota and non-quota wheat. Since August, 1953, oversea prices of wheat have shown a gradual decrease and the average realizations for the 1952–53 season will require a slight downward revision when necessary data are available.
(b) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead.
(c) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.
(d) Sultanas, lexias, currants.
(e) Cattle hides, calf skins.
(f) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index.
(g) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936–37.
(i) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS-EXPORT PRICE INDEX-WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent, of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

			1950-51.			1951-52	2.		1952–53.			1953–54.	
Month.		Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups
July		a592	333	451	a717	400	544	a566	381	465	a641	p367	p492
August		864	340	579	551	400	468	a566	380	465	a634	p368	p489
September		890	355	599	498	400	445	551	379	457	626	p366	p485
October		890	360	602	686	403	532	588	370	469	634	p369	p490
November		965	366	639	603	398	492	588	368	469	p634	p370	p490
December		973	366	643	581	403	484	618	p374	p485	p611	p369	p479
January		1,252	368	771	566	402	477	618	p374	p485			
February	٠	1,339	369	811	520	402	456	626	p369	p486			
March		1,437	377	860	460	400	427	656	p367	p499			
April		1,094	384	708	475	397	432	671	p361	p502			
May		973	385	653	543	385	457	701	p359	p515			
June		717	383	535	566	376	463	641	p361	p489			
Year		999	365	654	564	397	473	616	p370	p482			

(a) Nominal.

### MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX: CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base: Weighted average price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

	Мо	nth stated		d with sa ng year.	me montl	Period o		ear ending ne period		stated co	mpared	
Month.	1951	-52.	1952	?-53.	1953	3–54.	1951	-52.	1952	53.	1953	5–54.
	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.	Ex- cluding Wool.	In- cluding Wool.
July August September October November December January February March April May June	116 113 110 107 106 106 106 107 105 100 98 95	119 87 80 85 70 67 54 50 41 53 65 84	93 96 95 93 93 98 95 93 91 92 97	84 98 102 88 96 105 105 112 126 123 117	97 98 96 101 101 98	107 104 106 106 106 99	116 114 113 111 110 110 109 109 109 108 107 106	119 104 96 92 85 82 75 71 66 64 65 66	93 94 95 94 94 95 95 95 95 94 94	84 89 93 91 92 95 96 98 101 104 105	97 98 97 98 99 99	107 106 106 106 106 106 104

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928–29 to 1934–35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

			Bas	ic Materia	ls			F 1	Basic Mat	erials and F	Foodstuffs.
Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemi- cals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Mater- ials.	Total.	Food- stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods prin- cipally Imported (a)	Goods prin- cipally Home Produced	Total All Groups.
1936–37	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	97	99	98	98
1937–38	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	100	102	100	101
1938–39	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	132 146 185 214 256 343 392	145 161 173 184 196 220 234	191 283 342 434 641 577 607	140 148 159 187 242 314 350	131 126 130 143 292 298 224	180 190 198 225 268 370 404	149 166 188 214 264 321 350	138 153 175 198 232 281 293	177 192 201 223 256 288 290	129 145 173 198 242 305 331	143 159 181 205 246 300 319
1951–52— December January February March April May June	344 346 363 365 370 379 379	223 223 223 223 223 223 230 230	616 605 560 504 517 559 570	313 313 317 327 327 327 327 331	271 270 264 261 262 278 296	364 365 394 394 395 433 433	322 322 331 330 332 347 349	270 266 280 289 294 294 298	286 286 295 295 296 301 301	297 294 307 313 318 325 330	294 292 304 308 312 318 321
July August September October November December	392	230	570	344	279	435	354	304	301	337	327
	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	294	338	325
	399	230	566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	322	314
	390	237	589	349	223	420	352	280	294	321	313
	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	291	296	329	319
January February March April May June	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	289	295	328	318
	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	288	287	327	315
	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	287	288	328	316
	392	235	643	359	203	391	350	297	286	336	321
	391	233	661	349	203	364	344	300	276	338	320
	392	233	621	348	199	364	342	303	280	338	321
July August September October November December	391	225	583	329	198	365	336	p315	273	p346	p324
	389	226	581	329	198	365	335	p336	275	p361	p335
	389	226	576	329	199	364	335	p332	276	p357	p333
	389	226	576	328	198	364	334	p325	273	p353	p329
	388	223	p574	327	197	365	p333	p311	270	p343	p321
	388	223	p561	327	192	365	p332	p304	268	p337	p317

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

### WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

		Aus- tralia.	Canada.	France.	India.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Sweden.	United Kingdom.	U.S.A.
Period.		Common- wealth Statis- tician.	Dominion Statistician.	Inst. Nat. de la Stat.	Economic Adviser to the Gov- ernment of India.	Govern- ment Statistician	Census and Statistics Office.	Board of Trade.	Board of Trade.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936–37		98 101 101	101 104 95	83 105 112	104 100 96	96 102 102	97 103 100	98 103 99	100 104 96	104 101 95
1949-50		205	195	2,196	(b) 389	184	195	198	237	186
1950–51		246 300 319	224 229 216	(c) 123 145 141	426 414 386	210 243 252	216 252 269	237 285 278	288 321 320	211 213 209
1952–53— March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	316 321 320 321	217 214 215 216	140 139 139 139	385 385 397 405	248 247 248 249	265 265 267 268	273 272 271 271	321 325 323 322	208 207 208 207
1953–54— July August September October November December		p324 p335 p333 p329 p321 p317	216 217 216	137 137 137 136 137	408 410 404 394 391	248 248 248 253 252	268 272 272 273 271 270	270 268 267 267 p267	322 319 318 318 320 p319	210 209 210 208

<sup>(</sup>a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date). prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base: Year ended August, 1939 = 100. 1949 = 100.

(b) "Sensitive Series" (c) New Series. Base:

# RETAIL PRICE INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES. (Base: Average 3 years ended June 1939 = 100 (a))

		Australia.(a)	Canada.	New Zealand.	South Africa.	United Kingdom.(a)	United States of America.
Per	iod.	Common- wealth Statistician.(b)	Dominion Statistician	Government Statistician.	Census and Statistics Office.	Ministry of Labour.	Bureau of Labour Statistics.
1936–37		 973 998 1,029	98 102 100	96 101 103	97 101 102	Base: 17th June, 1947=100.	100 101 99
1948–49		 1,528 1,669 1,906 2,337 2,550	158 160 172 186 184	142 146 159 176 185	155 159 168 182 194	(c) 109 113 118 (d) 131 139	170 166 178 186 189
1952–53— April May June	•••	 2,586	182 182 183	188 {	194 195 198	141 140 141	188 189 190
July August September October November December		 2,618 { } 2,624 {	183 184 185 185 185	] 190 { ] 194 {	197 200 201 200 198 196	141 140 140 140 140 140	190 190 191 191

<sup>(</sup>a) For bases of series for Australia and United Kingdom, see footnotes (b), (c) and (d). (b) For Australia the base is the average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100; cannot be linked to former series. (d) From the month of February, 1952, the new series on base 15th January, 1952 = 100 has been linked to former series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100.

### RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

	Retai	l Price Index	es: Weighted	Average of S	Six Capital Ci	ties.	Weekly Wage-rate Indexes: Six States.			
Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Food, &c., and Rent ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Mis- cellaneous.	Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis- cellaneous ("C" Series).	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	" Real" Wage, Adult Males.(a)		
1936–37	963	968	965	976	996	973	949	976		
1937–38	989	1,001	993	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,009		
1938–39	1,048	1,031	1,042	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015		
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	1,208 1,333 1,531 1,664 1,998 2,694 2,950	1,054 1,056 1,058 1,063 1,076 1,104 1,194	1,147 1,222 1,340 1,421 1,626 2,051 2,239	1,873 2,013 2,264 2,626 3,044 3,623 3,893	1,225 1,279 1,349 1,443 1,597 1,898 2,124	1,309 1,392 1,528 1,669 1,906 2,337 2,550	1,423 1,565 1,757 1,913 2,298 2,806 3,104	1,087 1,123 1,150 1,147 1,206 1,201 1,217		
1948–49— December Quarter March · · ,, June · · ,,	1,522	1,058	1,334	2,222	1,331	1,512	1,743	1,153		
	1,557	1,059	1,355	2,260	1,359	1,538	1,771	1,151		
	1,588	1,059	1,374	2,400	1,381	1,582	1,818	1,149		
1949–50— September Quarter December ,, March . ,, June . ,,	1,597	1,060	1,381	2,498	1,402	1,610	1,857	1,153		
	1,635	1,062	1,404	2,606	1,436	1,653	1,891	1,144		
	1,685	1,063	1,434	2,636	1,461	1,682	1,927	1,146		
	1,740	1,065	1,466	2,764	1,473	1,730	1,976	1,142		
1950–51— September Quarter December ,, March ,, June ,,	1,809	1,066	1,509	2,831	1,492	1,773	2,026	1,143		
	1,932	1,068	1,583	2,946	1,555	1,853	2,291	1,236		
	2,048	1,084	1,659	3,040	1,630	1,932	2,367	1,225		
	2,203	1,087	1,752	3,357	1,710	2,067	2,507	1,213		
1951–52— September Quarter December ,, March ,, June ,,	2,444	1,091	1,897	3,463	1,787	2,191	2,629	1,200		
	2,644	1,094	2,018	3,582	1,870	2,303	2,771	1,203		
	2,751	1,105	2,085	3,658	1,905	2,366	2,878	1,216		
	2,937	1,124	2,204	3,789	2,031	2,488	2,946	1,184		
1952–53— September Quarter December ,, March . ,, June . ,,	2,966	1,156	2,233	3,808	2,103	2,524	3,054	1,210		
	2,908	1,181	2,210	3,884	2,121	2,530	3,102	1,226		
	2,943	1,212	2,243	3,912	2,134	2,558	3,110	1,216		
	2,981	1,227	2,271	3,967	2,138	2,586	3,150	1,218		
1953–54— September Quarter December ,,	3,073 3,092	1,235 1,243	2,331 2,344	3,946 3,933	2,141 2,147	2,618 2,624	3,195 r3,206	1,220 1,222		

<sup>(</sup>a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

### RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

(Hours and Wages relate to adult males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania	Six Capitals or Six States
Retail Prices—"C" Series (a) Nominal weekly wage (a) "Real" ,, ,, (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,,	2,607 3,174 1,217 890 237/– (b) 237/–	2,508 3,059 1,220 889 228/- (c)	2,356 2,985 1,267 890 216/- (d) 216/-	2,468 3,061 1,240 890 229/– (b) 229/–	2,509 3,173 1,265 879 228/– (e)238/6	2,535 3,079 1,215 890 230/-	2,530 3,102 1,226 889 231/-
Retail Prices—" C" Series (a) Nominal weekly wage (a) "Real" " " (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State " "	2,637 3,185 1,208 890 238/– (b) 238/–	2,537 3,070 1,210 889 229/- (c)	2,374 2,985 1,257 890 215/– (f) 216/–	2,492 3,030 1,216 890 225/- (b) 225/-	2,534 3,178 1,254 879 229/– (g) 238/6	2,613 3,192 1,222 890 232/– (c)	2,558 3,110 1,216 889 231/-
Retail Prices—" C" Series (a) Nominal weekly wage (a) "Real" ,, ,, (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,, ,	2,662 3,231 1,214 890 241/– (b) 241/–	2,570 3,103 1,207 889 232/– (c)	2,385 3,009 1,262 890 217/– (h) 218/–	2,524 3,065 1,214 890 228/– (b) 228/–	2,583 3,214 1,244 879 231/– (i) 241/10	2,651 3,259 1,229 890 239/– (c)	2,586 3,150 1,218 889 234/-
Retail Prices—" C" Series (a) Nominal weekly wage (a) "Real" ,, ,, (a) Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (b) State ,, ,, ,	2,693 3,302 1,226 890 243/– (b) 243/–	2,595 3,135 1,208 889 235/- (c)	2,417 3,022 1,250 890 218/– (j) 219/–	2,553 3,104 1,216 890 231/– (b) 231/–	2,625 3,255 1,240 879 236/– (k) 246/6	2,756 3,307 1,200 890 242/– (c)	2,618 3,195 1,220 889 236/-
1953: December Quarter— Retail Prices—" C" Series (a) Nominal weekly wage(a) r "Real", ,, (a) r Average weekly hours (a) Federal metrop. basic wage (l) State ,, ,, ,	2,690 3,307 1,229 890 243/– (l) 243/–	2,605 3,150 1,209 889 235/- (m)237/-	2,454 3,053 1,244 890 218/– (n) 222/–	2,562· 3,108 1,213 890 231/- ( <i>l</i> ) 231/-	2,610 3,260 1,249 879 236/– (k) 246/6	2,803 3,311 1,181 890 242/- (o) 242/-	2,624 3,206 1,222 889 236/-
1954: March Quarter— Federal metrop. basic wage (l) State ,, ,, ,,	243/- ( <i>l</i> ) 243/-	235/- (b) 238/-	218/- (p) 225/-	231/- ( <i>l</i> ) 231/-	236/- (k) 246/6	242/- (l) 242/-	236/-

<sup>(</sup>a) Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. Retail prices index numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared but Wages Boards generally adopt Federal rates. (d) Payable as from 3rd November. (e) Payable as from 27th October. (f) Payable as from 22nd January. (g) Payable as from 27th January. (h) Payable as from 4th May. (i) Payable as from 27th April. (j) Payable as from 3rd August. (k) Payable as from 27th July. (l) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay period commencing August, 1953. (m) Payable from date in November or December, 1953, prescribed in determinations. (n) Payable as from 2nd November. (o) See note (c) above. An adjustment increase of 10s. was also generally payable under the Wages Boards determinations from early November, but ceased to operate from 9th December when automatic adjustments were discontinued, (p) Payable as from 1st February.

### FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, &c., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1952-53 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Ye	ear.		Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936–37	••	••	114 98 88	115 98 87	93 102 105	109 99 92	126 95 79	104 100 96
1945–46			174 194 267 234 272 291 355 360	133 182 263 313 396 818 501 531	159 157 183 197 228 258 332 367	157 185 247 260 316 505 410 433	118 187 301 366 483 1,098 552 623	169 185 230 225 261 308 363 369

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

### SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

		N	New South W	Vales : Ordin	nary Shares.(	(a)		Queensland	d : Ordinary	Shares.(b)
Period.	23 Manufac- turing and Distribut- ing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies	5 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 24 Miscel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936–37	989	1,059	1,010	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
	1,012	1,008	1,026	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
	999	933	964	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1946-47	1,463	1,479	1,104	1,131	1,296	1,325	1,355	1,472	1,249	1,370
1947-48	1,666	1,663	1,044	1,229	1,505	1,450	1,450	1,625	1,386	1,515
1948-49	1,682	1,601	948	1,240	1,635	1,426	1,413	1,681	1,364	1,536
1949-50	1,763	1,603	887	1,357	1,920	1,491	1,458	1,746	1,370	1,573
1950-51	2,242	1,932	928	1,926	2,492	1,845	1,763	2,108	1,623	1,886
1951-52	2,040	1,658	872	1,606	2,625	1,662	1,537	1,838	1,402	1,638
1952-53	1,733	1,376	861	1,337	2,059	1,398	1,335	1,494	1,186	1,353
January	2,012	1,605	865	1,563	2,732	1,638	1,516	1,849	1,381	1,634
February	1,896	1,505	857	1,469	2,619	1,557	1,430	1,669	1,303	1,502
March	1,834	1,469	843	1,412	2,371	1,502	1,388	1,622	1,244	1,448
April	1,697	1,403	840	1,331	2,230	1,423	1,312	1,479	1,212	1,356
May	1,743	1,398	847	1,338	2,178	1,436	1,341	1,423	1,157	1,301
June	1,719	1,368	871	1,300	2,165	1,418	1,327	1,409	1,142	1,286
July August September October November December January	1,760	1,379	870	1,370	2,127	1,434	1,366	1,419	1,163	1,301
	1,756	1,386	873	1,383	2,118	1,428	1,351	1,403	1,166	1,294
	1,709	1,365	883	1,361	2,108	1,398	1,321	1,391	1,126	1,269
	1,705	1,317	858	1,336	2,088	1,375	1,315	1,431	1,132	1,293
	1,693	1,309	857	1,297	2,114	1,367	1,309	1,461	1,133	1,310
	1,698	1,298	850	1,302	2,075	1,362	1,313	1,465	1,143	1,317
	1,755	1,376	854	1,342	2,058	1,401	1,364	1,529	1,193	1,375
February	1,751	1,418	866	1,351	2,029	1,408	1,358	1,585	1,251	1,432
March	1,755	1,441	864	1,343	2,006	1,412	1,347	1,570	1,254	1,424
April	1,733	1,411	844	1,323	1,985	1,394	1,317	1,539	1,222	1,394
May	1,734	1,396	850	1,311	1,975	1,391	1,322	1,555	1,224	1,403
June	1,745	1,411	866	1,326	2,030	1,405	1,342	1,580	1,228	1,418
July August September October November December January	1,773	1,413	871	1,360	2,086	1,425	1,377	1,610	1,242	1,442
	1,784	1,456	871	1,387	2,171	1,451	1,411	1,635	1,245	1,456
	1,780	1,483	876	1,381	2,185	1,460	1,429	1,647	1,265	1,472
	1,745	1,508	859	1,345	2,203	1,445	1,409	1,660	1,276	1,483
	1,733	1,509	856	1,345	2,193	1,441	1,403	1,671	1,280	1,492
	1,760	1,523	842	1,361	2,227	1,458	1,424	1,676	1,294	1,501
	1,810	1,566	866	1,357	2,314	1,500	1,480	1,665	1,313	1,503

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

### SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

,			Farm Production Prices (All		Wholesale P	rices (Basic N Foodstuffs).	laterials and	Retail Prices	Security Prices :
Per	iod.		farming).(a) (Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)	Export Prices (including Gold).	Goods Principally Imported. (b)	Goods Principally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.	(Six Capital Cities): "C" Series Index. (c)	New South Wales (Ordinary Shares—75 Companies).
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39			109 99 92	1,144 1,022 834	991 1,018 991	980 1,000 1,020	984 1,005 1,011	973 998 1,029	1,022 1,009 969
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52			r185 247 260 316 r505 r410 rp433	2,027 2,834 3,324 3,830 6,544 4,731 p4,823	1,768 1,924 2,008 2,231 2,555 2,877 2,904	1,288 1,448 1,727 1,982 2,423 3,046 3,313	1,429 1,588 1,809 2,054 2,461 2,995 3,191	1,309 1,392 1,528 1,669 1,906 2,337 2,550	1,325 1,450 1,426 1,491 1,845 1,662 1,398
1951–52— January February March April May June				4,768 4,560 4,271 4,324 4,568 4,626	2,859 2,948 2,949 2,962 3,008 3,007	2,941 3,073 3,131 3,182 3,252 3,297	2,916 3,035 3,076 3,116 3,179 3,210	2,366 { 2,488 {	1,638 1,557 1,502 1,423 1,436 1,418
July August September October November December January				4,650 4,649 4,574 4,694 4,687 p4,853 p4,854	3,015 2,938 2,937 2,949 2,940 2,955 2,947	3,373 3,381 3,325 3,223 3,206 3,294 3,276	3,266 3,250 3,210 3,141 3,127 3,193 3,178	<pre>} 2,524{ } 2,530{ </pre>	1,434 1,428 1,398 1,375 1,367 1,362 1,401
February March April May June		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		p4,862 p4,989 p5,025 p5,153 p4,889	2,867 2,875 2,858 2,765 2,805	3,275 3,281 3,361 3,381 3,379	3,154 3,160 3,212 3,198 3,208	2,558	1,408 1,412 1,394 1,391 1,405
July August September October November December January				p4,920 p4,889 p4,848 p4,899 p4,904 p4,792	2,725 2,755 2,757 2,728 2,696 2,682	p3,459 p3,606 p3,571 p3,531 p3,427 p3,371	p3,241 p3,353 p3,329 p3,293 p3,210 p3,167	2,618 { } 2,624 {	1,425 1,451 1,460 1,445 1,441 1,458 1,500

<sup>(</sup>a) See note at head of page 24. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items.

For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

### BUILDING PERMITS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

		1	ii note (a),	page 27.)				
Period.	New Dw	vellings.	Other New	Buildings.	Total New	Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
	-	£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1937–38 (a) .	1,122 1,394 1,463	1,104 1,413 1,509	154 147 137	474 472 424	1,276 1,541 1,600	1,578 1,885 1,933	408 422 420	1,986 2,307 2,353
1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	2,209 2,381 2,621 3,045 3,558 2,736 2,506	2,976 3,649 4,457 5,770 7,857 6,703 6,472	156 124 110 113 151 165 303	512 453 440 460 1,062 1,270 1,744	2,365 2,505 2,731 3,158 3,709 2,901 2,809	3,488 4,102 4,897 6,230 8,919 7,973 8,216	596 585 680 899 1,507 1,727 1,829	4,084 4,687 5,577 7,129 10,426 9,700 10,045
Monthly Total—								
December . January . February . March . April May	2,748 1,752 2,148 2,369 2,591 2,191 2,326 3,098	6,686 4,280 5,266 5,655 6,187 5,733 5,729 7,402	162 105 123 170 146 163 182 197	1,008 1,823 1,090 1,260 926 946 1,513 1,534	2,910 1,857 2,271 2,539 2,737 2,354 2,508 3,295	7,694 6,103 6,356 6,915 7,113 6,679 7,242 8,936	1,690 1,685 1,256 1,372 1,736 1,914 2,064 1,574	9,384 7,788 7,612 8,287 8,849 8,593 9,306 10,510
August . September . October .	 2,364 2,128 3,250 2,407 2,307	5,835 5,209 7,576 6,015 5,931	242 371 344 442 226	1,146 1,646 2,038 2,064 1,741	2,606 2,499 3,594 2,849 2,533	6,981 6,855 9,614 8,079 7,672	1,563 1,878 2,242 1,832 1,645	8,544 8,733 11,856 9,911 9,317
January February March April May	2,118 2,030 2,579 2,752 2,331 2,837 2,981	5,403 5,092 6,843 7,397 6,435 7,671 8,254	226 183 294 296 327 322 356	1,201 1,222 1,593 1,280 2,023 2,184 2,793	2,344 2,213 2,873 3,048 2,658 3,159 3,337	6,604 6,314 8,436 8,677 8,458 9,855 11,047	1,655 1,293 1,867 2,381 1,835 1,830 1,931	8,259 7,607 10,303 11,058 10,293 11,685 12,978
August September October	 2,777 2,724 2,810 2,769 2,746	7,904 7,910 8,355 7,796 7,697	358 351 377 325 363	3,191 2,241 2,143 2,097 2,491	3,135 3,075 3,187 3,094 3,109	11,095 r10,151 10,498 9,893 10,188	2,114 2,190 2,072 1,845 1,696	13,209 12,341 12,570 11,738 11,884

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

Note.—Building controls under National Security (Building Control) Regulations operated from 5th December, 1940, becoming most stringent in 1942, when consent was required for all building other than alterations and additions costing less than £25. These controls were progressively relaxed after 1945 and have now virtually ceased to exist, except for minor restrictions in Victoria and Western Australia. For more detailed notes see earlier issues of this publication.

The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

### BUILDING OPERATIONS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

			Australia.(a	1)	Ne	w South W	ales.		Victoria.	
Period.		Govern- ment.	Pri	vate.	Govern- ment. (b)	Pri	vate.	Govern- ment.	Pri	vate.
Period.		Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common- wealth and State.	Sydney and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note A.	Common- wealth and State.	Melbourne and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note B.
Monthly Avera 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	age-	n.a. n.a. 408	(c)1,986 (c)2,307 (c)2,353	(d)627 (d)764 (d)755	n.a. n.a. 187	848 1,093 1,111	416 506 495	n.a. n.a. 107	667 669 702	62 78 63
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	•••	1,248 2,009 1,992 2,751 4,348 3,631 2,760	4,084 4,687 5,577 7,129 10,426 9,700 10,045	(e) 1,991 (f) 3,151 3,832 4,863 (h) 8,568 7,877 7,671	633 1,044 904 985 1,964 1,603 923	1,768 1,705 2,089 2,625 3,610 2,679 2,799	1,301 (g)1,985 2,432 3,101 4,519 3,717 3,542	371 545 675 1,067 1,428 960 1,129	1,195 1,650 1,804 2,218 3,187 2,831 2,906	91 126 211 217 (i) 2,031 1,947 1,931
1951–52— December March June	Qtr.	3,400 3,096 3,589	9,452 8,249 9,469	7,757 6,706 7,371	1,357 1,193 1,466	2,820 2,120 2,320	3,612 2,859 3,490	946 960 1,011	2,856 2,380 2,517	1,840 1,817 1,794
1952–53— September December March June	?? ?? ??	2,218 3,549 2,639 2,684	9,711 9,162 9,656 11,652	6,888 7,497 7,499 8,802	772 494 1,334 1,094	2,270 2,646 2,703 3,576	3,197 3,232 3,507 4,232	780 2,242 660 834	2,946 2,757 2,769 3,155	1,653 2,255 1,626 2,190
1953–54— September December	"	4,105	12,706	9,766	1,923 2,356	3,807 3,166	4,578 4,505	1,496 1,431	3,708 3,813	2,469 2,178
Monthly Total- 1953–54— August September October November December		3,610 4,790 p5,674 p4,042	12,341 12,570 r11,738 11,884	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	1,966 1,896 3,085 2,097 1,887	4,138 3,663 3,244 3,663 2,591	4,242 4,820 4,684 4,416 4,414	1,036 2,295 1,828 1,187 1,279	3,633 3,564 3,725 3,701 4,014	2,251 2,592 2,446 1,971 2,116

<sup>(</sup>a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below. (h) See B below. (i) Includes all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs from September quarter, 1950.

### NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs. B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

### BUILDING OPERATIONS: METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.) (£'000.)

				(1								
		Queensland	d.	So	outh Austra	ilia.	We	stern Austi	ralia.		Tasmania	
	Govern- ment.	Prive	ate.(a)	Govern- ment.(b)	Priva	ite.(a)	Govern- ment.	Priva	ate.(a)	Govern- ment.	Prive	ate.(a)
Period.	Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note C.	Common- wealth and State.	Adelaide and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note D.	Common- wealth and State.	Perth and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas. See note E.	Common- wealth and State.	Hobart and Sub- urbs.	Other recorded areas. See note F.
Monthly Aver. ge— 1936–37 . 1937–38 . 1938–39 .	n.a.	153 167 171	98 114 118	n.a. n.a. 22	118 173 192	32 48 63	n.a. n.a. 38	168 174 145	n.a. n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. 20	32 31 32	19 18 16
1946–47	141 116 198 357 228	455 557 610 827 1,106 1,426 1,376	290 (f)692 721 868 1,061 1,107 1,209	57 132 105 217 216 377 226	379 418 564 727 1,174 1,386 1,525	105 91 132 188 215 265 336	77 115 145 197 270 379 219	187 238 338 499 1,027 1,120 1,157	(c)60 60 70 111 274 347 320	32 32 47 87 113 84 43	(d) 100 119 172 233 322 258 282	(e)144 197 266 378 468 494 333
1951–52— Dec. Qtr March ,, June ,,	329 133 271	1,319 1,292 1,391	1,109 1,093 1,007	272 326 426	1,093 1,313 2,044	291 239 304	451 321 395	1,088 904 1,007	336 299 349	45 163 20	276 240 190	569 399 427
1952–53— Sept. ,, Dec. ,, March ,, June ,,	230 302 140 257	1,862 1,089 1,442 1,112	1,106 1,100 1,292 1,337	179 236 274 216	1,370 1,215 1,394 2,119	313 327 387 316	241 260 198 175	966 1,207 1,091 1,364	285 306 330 359	16 15 33 108	297 248 257 326	334 277 357 368
1953–54— Sept. " Dec. "	151	1,450	1,431	263	1,654	390 321	234	1,573 1,539	487	38	514	411
Monthly Total— 1953–54— August September October November	r120 161 p100 p151	1,101 1,337 1,359 1,287	1,428 1,475 1,576 1,373	193 183 261 r353	1,557 1,920 r1,669 1,243	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	266 221 328 r190	1,548 1,735 1,510 1,715 1,392	540 528 610 404 453	29 34 70 r64	364 351 291 275	471 458 462 488

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
(b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas cutside Hobart and suburbs from (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below. September quarter, 1946. See F below.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, -

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs. D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.) (£'000.)

		`							
(	Commenced			Completed.		Under Construction at end of period.			
Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	
	C	uarterly	Average	s.					
a13,740	4,148	a17,888	a8,924	1,578	a10,502	a44,745	21,255	a66,000	
a17,900	5,138	a23,038	a13,307	2,389	a15,696	a66,509	33,588	a100,097	
a22,277	6,940	a29,217	a18,331	3,932	a22,263	a86,832	49,135	a135,967	
a27,516	8,014	a35,530	a22,446	5,251	a27,697	a115,714	61,119	a176,833	
40,478	14,615	55,093			37,480	162,481	91,632	254,113	
44,951		61,175	43,086	10,875	53,961	190,250	125,534	315,784	
39,358	13,909	53,267	47,096	18,169	65,265	171,254	115,629	286,883	
		Ouarterl	v Totals.		•				
49,098	16,245	65,343	38,149	9,217	47,366	179,939	104,823	284,762	
46,637	15,473	62,110	45,348	9,560	54,908	185,554	113,271	298,825	
43,190	15,122	58,312	41,505	10,753	52,258	192,848	118,564	311,412	
40,879	18,054	58,933	47,340	13,973	61,313	190,250	125,534	315,784	
37,145	13,091	50,236	48,446	16,882	65,328	183,097	124,545	307,642	
36,393	10,105	46,498	49,456	17,956	67,412	170,890	118,507	289,397	
40,185	14,086	54,271	45,492	19,066	64,558	169,926	114,524	284,450	
43,709	18,352	62,061	44,988	18,772	63,760	171,254	115,629		
48,458	21,564	70,022	46,281	21,712	67,993	175,343	115,881	291,224	
	Houses.  a13,740 a17,900 a27,277 a27,516 40,478 44,951 39,358  49,098 46,637 43,190 40,879  37,145 36,393 40,185 43,709	Houses. Other.  a13,740	Commenced.    Houses.   Other.   Total.	Houses.         Other.         Total.         Houses.           Quarterly a13,740         4,148 a17,888 a8,924 a17,900 5,138 a23,038 a13,307 a22,277 6,940 a29,217 a18,331 a27,516 8,014 a35,530 a22,446 40,478 14,615 55,093 31,222 44,951 16,224 61,175 43,086 39,358 13,909 53,267 47,096         Quarterly Totals.           49,098 16,245 65,343 47,096 46,637 15,473 62,110 45,348 43,190 15,122 58,312 41,505 40,879 18,054 58,933 47,340         37,145 13,091 50,236 48,446 36,393 10,105 46,498 49,456 40,185 14,086 54,271 45,492 43,709 18,352 62,061 44,988	Commenced.         Completed.           Quarterly Averages.           a13,740         4,148         a17,888         a8,924         1,578           a17,900         5,138         a23,038         a13,307         2,389           a22,277         6,940         a29,217         a18,331         3,932           a27,516         8,014         a35,530         a22,446         5,251           40,478         14,615         55,093         31,222         6,258           44,951         16,224         61,175         43,086         10,875           39,358         13,909         53,267         47,096         18,169           Quarterly Totals.           49,098         16,245         65,343         38,149         9,217           46,637         15,473         62,110         45,348         9,560           43,190         15,122         58,312         41,505         10,753           40,879         18,054         58,933         47,340         13,973           37,145         13,091         50,236         48,446         16,882           36,393         10,105         46,498         49,456         17,956	Commenced.         Completed.           Quarterly Averages.           a13,740         4,148         a17,888         a8,924         1,578         a10,502           a17,900         5,138         a23,038         a13,307         2,389         a15,696           a22,277         6,940         a29,217         a18,331         3,932         a22,263           a27,516         8,014         a35,530         a22,446         5,251         a27,697           40,478         14,615         55,093         31,222         6,258         37,480           44,951         16,224         61,175         43,086         10,875         53,961           39,358         13,909         53,267         47,096         18,169         65,265           Quarterly Totals.           49,098         16,245         65,343         38,149         9,217         47,366           46,637         15,473         62,110         45,348         9,560         54,908           43,190         15,122         58,312         41,505         10,753         52,258           40,879         18,054         58,933         47,340         13,973         61,313	Completed.         Under Completed.           Quarterly Averages.           a13,740	Commenced.         Completed.         Under Construct end of period o	

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.
(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

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Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average— 1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	a4,274 a6,076 a8,434 a10,230 p12,367 p19,007 p24,095	2,767 4,473 6,839 8,671 13,014 17,154 19,027	1,814 2,598 3,050 3,488 4,322 6,335 6,558	686 1,020 1,621 2,268 3,010 4,551 6,471	529 832 1,177 1,338 2,237 3,606 5,730	354 570 953 1,336 2,101 2,628 2,666	78 127 189 366 429 680 718	a10,502 a15,696 a22,263 a27,697 p37,480 p53,961 p65,265
Quarterly Total—  1951–52—  Sept. Qtr Dec. " March "	p 14,850 18,125 20,343	16,548 18,257 15,014	5,618 6,200 6,485	4,044 4,693 4,197	2,940 3,735 3,466	2,780 3,338 1,961	586 560 792	p 47,366 54,908 52,258
June ,, 1952–53— Sept. ,, Dec. ,, March ,,	22,710 p 22,427 24,604 25,761	18,796 21,047 18,943 18,453	7,036 6,252 6,892 5,999	5,269 6,232 6,860 6,481	5,735 6,448 4,876	2,432 2,867 2,700 2,495	785 768 965 493	61,313 p 65,328 67,412 64,558
June ,, 1953–54— Sept. ,,	23,586 p 23,761	17,664 22,463	7,090 6,627	6,309 5,941	5,859 6,308	2,603 2,283	649	63,760 p 67,993

(a) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
			Сомме	NCED.				
Quarterly Average— 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 Quarterly Total—	a4,952 a5,323 a5,514 p6,292 p6,091 p5,258	3,870 4,122 4,911 6,737 5,877 4,064	2,382 2,340 2,502 2,675 2,999 2,345	895 1,140 1,527 1,991 2,128 1,992	768 961 1,258 1,742 1,932 1,753	516 712 916 1,030 896 571	98 134 97 219 78 132	a13,481 a14,732 a16,725 p20,686 p20,001 p16,115
1951-52—Sept. Qtr. Dec., Mar., June, 1952-53—Sept., Dec., Mar., June, 1953-54—Sept.,	6,367 6,323 5,892 5,782 4,496 5,210 5,203 6,121 6,788	7,103 6,410 5,294 4,699 3,623 3,729 4,423 4,479 5,294	3,423 2,976 2,919 2,677 2,929 2,070 2,117 2,265 2,217	2,096 1,998 2,205 2,211 2,321 1,865 1,729 2,052 1,907	2,138 2,039 1,828 1,725 1,674 1,736 1,842 1,760 1,984	1,098 1,016 787 684 574 492 695 524 683	81 64 93 74 83 178 185 82 72	22,306 20,826 19,018 17,852 15,700 15,280 16,194 17,283
			Сомрь	ETED.				
Quarterly Average— 1947–48 1948–49 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53  Quarterly Total— 1951–52—Sept. Qtr. Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1952–53—Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1953–54—Sept. ,, 1953–54—Sept. ,,	a3,715 a4,466 a4,692 p4,943 pr5,837 pr6,222	2,962 3,570 3,902 5,290 5,988 5,258 6,151 6,513 5,231 6,056 5,675 5,564 4,905 4,889 5,626	2,951 2,650 2,878 3,008 3,049 2,868 2,836 2,663 2,473 2,626	752 997 1,226 1,680 1,928 2,235 1,768 1,964 1,754 2,225 2,352 2,476 2,071 2,041 1,973	693 811 877 1,290 1,644 1,991 1,380 1,821 1,477 1,899 2,040 2,314 1,630 1,981 1,893	386 572 713 979 1,000 829 1,071 1,336 705 887 909 983 704 718 608	68 81 101 144 146 147 135 154 121 174 131 213 105 141	a10,876 a12,835 a13,873 p16,895 pr19,494 pr19,332 p 18,413 20,837 r18,459 r20,267 r20,331 r20,429 r18,256 r18,314 r18,408
			NSTRUCTION			000	121	110,100
1947–48	a19,686 23,113 a26,402 p31,793 pr32,806 pr28,946	15,312	3,951 3,958 4,520 4,943 5,135	3,203 3,940 5,241 6,529 7,395 6,464	1,841	2,065 2,575 3,357 3,558 3,143 2,114	491 696 678 981 708 646	a46,549 a54,242 a65,708 p80,909 pr83,000 pr70,092
1951–52—Sept. Qtr. Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1952–53—Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1953–54—Sept. ,,	33,130 33,412 r33,182 r32,806 r31,914 r29,908 r28,743 r28,946 r29,816	28,293 28,190 28,253 26,896 24,844 22,994 22,506 22,053 21,721	5,456 5,326 5,135 5,228	6,875 6,938 7,411 7,395 7,384 6,786 6,450 6,464 6,422	6,522 6,740 7,091 6,917 6,551 5,973 6,185 5,951 6,042	3,584 3,264 3,346 3,143 2,808 2,317 2,308 2,114 2,189	927 836 808 708 660 626 706 646 594	P 84,819 84,836 r85,417 r83,000 r78,389 r71,177 r70,092 r71,653

(a) Partly estimated.
For meaning of symbols r, p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

	E	Black Coal.					ight and ver.			Metals.		
Period.	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.	Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction).	• Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gener- ated.	Pig-iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined.	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine	Million	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 to 1s.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53 p	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. 1,066 1,039 1,124 1,245 1,254	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. 178 204 245 353 292	977 990 1,051 1,178 1,231 1,244 1,243 1,369 1,598	258 300 267 490 535 586 636 608 675 675	108.2 123.3 135.1 77.2 75.5 74.9 71.6 74.3 75.7 86.6	1,679 1,746 1,789 2,784 3,025 3,061 2,908 3,075 3,366 3,439	331 363 391 627 697 754 792 875 941 1,024	(c) 76.1 77.5 92.1 95.3 103.0 87.1 91.5 109.4 118.2 139.9	(c) 90.0 97.2 97.5 109.4 112.1 98.2 101.5 120.3 126.8 151.9	5,840 5,810 5,819 5,852 5,784 6,298 6,981 6,478 7,011 7,181	17,562 18,797 19,416 14,693 14,497 17,017 15,784 15,682 15,680 16,129	1,280 1,437 1,457 1,812 1,290 939 968 936 1,483 1,501
Monthly Total— 1951–52 — January February March April May June	798 1,275 1,333 1,219 1,347 1,224	261 376 407 349 378 311	1,059 1,651 1,740 1,568 1,725 1,535	641 655 730 649 701 684	68.5 75.2 72.0 79.4 77.5 83.6	3,015 3,003 3,224 3,215 3,656 3,743	884 904 952 914 992 988	128.8 118.5 127.2 119.0 95.9 93.0	139.4 127.9 136.9 117.5 91.6 99.7	7,296 6,844 7,393 7,429 7,729 7,225	16,241 14,390 14,214 15,291 17,627 10,388	1,659 733 2,250 1,184 1,446 2,626
1952–53 p— July August September October November December January	1,510 1,295 1,429 1,507 1,321 1,076 884	375 277 385 359 327 266 182	1,885 1,572 1,814 1,866 1,648 1,342 1,066	728 717 655 667 680 596 620	93.7 69.5 80.8 101.2 82.4 96.5 81.6	4,068 3,855 3,528 3,473 3,271 3,206 3,011	1,082 1,039 992 1,018 965 972 939	122.3 133.2 150.4 157.8 144.2 140.7 134.3	147.2 153.1 152.1 166.0 154.5 153.8 157.1	7,269 7,315 7,072 7,338 7,116 7,412 7,368	18,721 19,540 18,407 18,413 18,437 12,679 3,202	821 1,818 1,733 2,381 2,333 639 493
February March April May June	1,264 1,319 1,153 1,125 1,151	268 287 251 257 278	1,532 1,606 1,404 1,382 1,429	646 676 680 757 711	79.3 88.7 81.8 87.0 96.5	2,861 3,221 3,220 3,684 3,876	932 1,052 1,017 1,121 1,160	133.9 164.9 158.2 146.1 151.9	145.1 164.7 158.8 172.4 171.7	6,715 7,422 7,110 7,285 6,754	8,085 19,572 18,987 18,325 19,178	1,520 1,179 1,793 830 2,466
July August September October November December January	r1,525 r1,437 r1,464 r1,464 1,482 1,054	r300 273 r291 282 262 198	r1,825 r1,710 r1,755 r1,746 r1,744 1,252	710 707 701 746 r723 624	93.3	4,031 3,675 3,591	1,222 1,198 1,130 1,156 1,139	156.3 158.3 151.5 162.5 157.3 161.7 158.8	184.8 186.9 171.0 187.8 181.7 167.1 179.6	7,070 7,445 7,403 8,394 r8,405 8,806	r21,920 20,363 20,229 21,577 16,626 r21,455	237 239 729 1,766 2,489 938

<sup>(</sup>a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. welve months ended May.

<sup>(</sup>b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association.

<sup>(</sup>c) Monthly averages for

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

				PLI I	LIMIN	CLD.					
Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement	Sawn Native	Portland	Fibrous	Solid	C (1)	Electric.	Domestic Refrigera tors.
		Terra- cotta.	Cement.	Building Sheets.	Timber.	Cement.	Plaster Sheets.	Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	(c)	
Monthly	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Average</b> —1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	53.1 57.4 60.0	2,630 3,023 3,307	326 430 374	522 678 791	53.6 62.2 59.8	60.0 71.0 72.3	567 619 634	n.a. 4,562 4,538	n.a. 3,481 3,894	n.a. 749 730	n.a. 1,257 2,458
1946–47 1947–48	41.4 48.2	3,118 3,483	561 1,689	1,610 1,641	87.3 93.1	73.5 84.4	755 977	3,629 4,438	2,264 3,309	894 2,532	5,711 9,362
1948–49	51.4 50.3 57.4 59.6 55.8	3,680 3,785 3,918 4,072 4,793	2,358 3,387 4,230 5,540 3,809	1,547 1,529 1,771 1,944 2,032	98.7 101.9 105.1 116.0 109.0	86.0 97.3 102.9 103.1 119.3	1,103 1,105 1,265 1,373 1,205	5,120 5,155 6,251 5,975 3,886	4,130 3,892 4,613 4,251 2,859	3,494 2,865 3,733 4,240 1,883	12,134 13,528 16,994 16,066 15,145
Monthly Total— 1951–52— December January February March April May June	46.8 46.5 63.1 61.0 57.1 64.1 56.6	3,256 3,097 4,286 4,296 4,366 4,461 4,479	5,026 4,783 5,884 5,650 5,267 5,504 5,089	1,687 1,305 2,085 2,224 1,822 2,305 2,009	110.4 98.0 119.3 118.6 107.7 120.9 116.2	77.1 69.9 108.7 115.0 103.9 123.9 111.5	(e) 1,087 1,097 1,441 1,435 1,310 1,452 1,365	5,593 4,627 5,830 5,650 5,070 5,457 5,294	3,348 3,304 4,222 4,026 3,149 3,656 2,281	3,421 3,203 4,444 4,427 3,605 3,577 2,946	14,366 12,743 17,367 12,776 12,020 11,751 9,586
July August September October November December January February March April May June	59.9 53.0 56.2 57.7 53.0 46.0 41.6 55.5 62.0 59.6 60.4 64.7	4,874 4,435 5,132 5,293 4,775 4,126 3,612 4,611 5,135 5,026 5,201 5,293	4,652 4,167 4,171 4,585 4,310 3,110 2,727 3,749 3,810 3,625 3,291 3,504	2,077 2,123 1,969 2,150 2,504 1,418 1,490 2,215 2,065 1,920 2,412 2,038	117.2 115.7 107.3 120.6 110.2 99.6 89.4 101.5 108.0 102.9 119.9 116.0	100.2 101.5 124.0 126.8 126.9 111.4 99.7 104.3 128.4 135.9 139.3 132.9	1,199 1,237 1,323 1,329 1,222 1,030 970 1,213 1,302 1,214 1,219 1,200	6,037 4,560 3,862 4,407 3,528 3,026 2,537 3,434 3,698 3,746 4,026 3,766	2,762 2,315 2,782 2,972 3,064 2,289 2,301 3,123 3,290 3,125 3,147 3,143	2,420 1,504 1,635 2,052 1,564 1,431 1,200 1,625 2,213 2,310 2,128 2,515	9,632 8,833 12,770 18,481 22,415 21,909 17,372 18,298 13,975 12,109 13,236 12,710
July August September October November December	68.6 63.6 72.1 70.2 67.8	5,607 5,345 5,889 5,466 5,532	3,794 3,568 4,050 3,985 4,074	2,348 2,372 2,207 2,344 2,224 1,778	129.3 116.5 125.4 126.7 116.9	141.3 138.8 137.2 146.5 135.1 133.4	1,466 1,419 1,471 1,487 1,519	4,970 4,400 5,295 4,024 3,924 3,223	3,850 3,780 4,048 4,040 3,789 3,407	2,575 2,331 2,989 2,933 3,047 2,415	17,517 17,448 22,183 28,871 30,702 31,916

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves orly. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (2) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, --- see page 1.

### PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

	Cotton	Textiles.					
Period.	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Wool Textiles.  Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	Boots and Shoes (not rubber).
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
Monthly Average— 1936–37	730 965 974	n.a. n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. n.a.	8.4 7.9 8.8	2.14 2.51 2.71	2.04 2.47 2.65	1,208 1,176 1,164
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 p	2,257 2,368 2,290 2,519 r2,938 2,872 2,266	2,117 1,960 2,133 2,398 2,537 2,617 1,986	n.a. 369.2 475.5 548.5 905.0 905.4 1,287.5	15.3 14.8 13.5 14.4 12.7 10.1	4.13 4.28 4.24 4.09 3.87 3.04 2.93	3.18 3.42 3.40 3.11 3.13 2.44 2.40	1,306 1,351 1,287 1,284 1,409 1,400 1,338
Monthly Total—  1951–52— December January	2,336 2,242 2,813 2,702 2,541 2,393 2,465	1,929 1,990 2,814 2,783 2,601 2,591 2,679	553.3 781.9 937.7 804.6 708.8 790.3 765.6	8.2 8.8 9.9 10.1 9.3 10.8 10.7	2.31 2.04 2.64 2.49 1.95 2.31 2.28	1.90 1.79 2.46 2.28 1.75 1.89	1,053 999 1,391 1,418 1,237 1,406 1,323
1952–53 p— July August September October November December	2,699 2,248 2,389 2,550 2,148 1,784	2,715 1,949 2,041 2,172 1,841 1,552	1,047.6 1,102.8 1,100.0 1,341.9 1,278.1 966.7	10.3 8.3 7.8 10.0 10.1 9.7	2.28 2.43 2.53 2.74 2.98 2.54	1.70 1.76 2.05 2.43 2.57 2.05	1,473 1,379 1,411 1,465 1,349 1,081
January February	1,411 2,097 2,425 2,529 2,319 2,590	1,271 1,855 1,847 2,292 2,036 2,268	901.3 1,308.6 1,395.9 1,608.3 1,820.3 1,578.8	8.0 10.3 11.6 11.5 11.8 15.6	2.00 3.25 3.52 3.59 3.76 3.58	1.74 2.81 2.99 2.78 3.02 2.87	804 1,303 1,411 1,392 1,480
July August September November December	3,012 2,798 3,345 2,961 3,136 2,912	2,513 2,364 2,608 2,565 2,602 2,139	1,781.8 1,691.5 1,722.1 1,886.7 1,603.0 1,274.0	12.7 10.9 11.4 11.2 11.1 10.6	3.72 3.75 3.95 3.86 3.80 3.20	2.80 2.86 2.98 2.91 2.97 2.36	1,629 1,494 1,571 1,526 1,479

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

### PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING-continued.

				Hosiery.		Underv	vear.(a)	
Perio	od.		Men's and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Children's.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
			'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Avera 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39 1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50	ge		83.1 86.7 91.9 106.4 105.4 106.3	157.1 183.7 178.0 121.6 130.6 128.0	49.1 52.0 51.0 43.0 59.8 58.8	22 22 23 25 26	01.8 27.6 29.2 34.7 54.7 54.0	(b)60.6 (b)69.9 (b)56.2 (b)59.1 (b)66.7 (b)71.3 (b)73.7
1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 p	••		128.0 121.8 131.3	154.8 155.6 193.7	46.9 38.9 34.5	107.7 105.6 r92.6	201.9 196.6 r170.1	89.5 96.3 72.8
Monthly Total- 1951–52— December January February March April May June			105.5 72.4 112.5 102.5 86.9 101.0 106.2	123.0 110.5 146.0 135.1 117.9 150.1	32.0 34.0 32.6 32.8 27.6 32.4 33.0	(c) 84.9 67.6 93.4 90.0 78.0 75.5 78.1	(c) 160.4 129.0 196.2 173.3 155.6 169.1 158.2	92.2 58.1 90.1 79.8 77.9 82.1 75.9
July August September October November December		•••	120.9 119.1 133.9 152.4 138.1 119.6	183.6 170.9 197.5 211.4 194.1 167.8	26.1 25.7 35.0 38.0 33.9 29.9	r91.9 r90.3 r92.9 100.0 90.1 82.4	r175.7 153.1 r176.5 195.6 182.6 160.4	88.3 82.2 86.0 r97.4 r84.1 r70.3
January February March April May June			85.1 134.9 139.9 142.7 138.2 150.4	120.5 193.3 227.7 212.0 217.7 227.2	20.3 38.1 42.9 36.0 43.7 44.2	62.7 r92.5 r100.1 100.3 103.3 r104.2	105.9 164.2 181.8 r181.3 182.3 181.5	34.6 60.4 64.9 r62.1 r64.0 r79.0
1953–54 p— July August September October November December			170.6 163.0 183.6 169.6 176.9 148.6	251.6 224.4 249.1 215.1 231.8 208.2	53.4 51.8 52.6 48.0 46.7 39.4	r123.5 r112.0 r132.2 r125.9 r128.5 112.3	227.7 209.6 250.7 r239.9 241.4 198.8	r99.9 r107.4 r119.4 r125.7 r133.1 107.4

<sup>(</sup>a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. partly estimated from November, 1951, to June, 1952.

<sup>(</sup>b) Excludes knitted.

<sup>(</sup>c) Monthly series

For meaning of symbols r, p, ----, see page 1.

### PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

					Products (F Production).			Mea	t (Bone-in \	Weight).(a)		
Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	Total.	Beer.
Monthly	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	102.4 104.2 114.4	27.0 28.9 28.2	89.9 96.4 99.1	13,908 15,242 16,232	1,636 2,018 2,415	n.a. n.a. 2,781	45.9 49.7 46.6	16.0 17.2 17.1	9.94 9.92 9.55	7.71 7.16 7.24	79.6 84.0 80.5	6,261 7,084 7,523
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 <sub>F</sub>	124.1 133.2 139.9 125.8 141.3 143.4 143.5	35.2 36.3 35.7 35.2 37.6 41.1 35.2	90.0 97.8 101.1 103.5 100.0 87.6 102.3	11,568 13,132 13,424 14,037 13,303 10,931 13,623	3,518 3,453 3,596 3,731 3,692 3,382 3,898	5,871 6,509 7,304 7,464 7,069 6,360 7,160	40.6 46.8 48.1 50.5 54.3 48.5 56.2	15.2 13.8 15.1 17.2 13.5 14.7 20.5	10.00 10.80 11.59 12.69 9.37 8.88 12.28	7.91 7.48 7.82 7.52 7.11 7.07 7.03	73.8 78.9 82.6 87.9 84.3 79.1 96.0	10,657 10,561 12,171 13,009 14,397 15,398 16,592
Monthly Total— 1951–52— Dec Jan Feb March April May June	128.6 148.2 139.4 137.5 116.0 141.7 132.4	35.2 39.6 44.7 43.0 36.0 41.8 38.9	108.6 96.7 77.9 80.6 73.8 68.3 64.0	13,889 12,377 9,501 10,197 9,132 8,219 7,449	5,158 3,715 2,442 2,165 1,682 1,565 1,602	9,221 7,488 5,656 4,942 4,239 3,516 3,058	38.8 40.1 44.7 41.7 40.0 51.7 56.7	16.6 18.3 19.2 16.8 14.3 15.4 14.6	11.86 9.88 8.49 7.83 7.53 7.08 7.15	8.27 6.35 7.00 7.13 7.04 7.37 6.19	75.5 74.7 79.4 73.4 68.9 81.5 84.7	15,500 17,17: 16,23: 16,45: 15,170 14,83 13,03:
1952-53p July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec	138.2 139.3 135.9 139.1 139.2 125.2	48.6 42.4 42.4 39.1 30.2 26.2	68.2 84.2 113.7 140.3 142.3 140.6	7,855 10,316 15,126 19,314 19,452 19,522	2,226 3,620 5,267 6,865 6,952 6,322	3,537 5,200 8,846 12,048 13,282 12,502	51.3 55.8 50.1	15.5 15.6 18.7 22.9 21.3 24.7	8.02 9.12 12.20 21.66 22.61 18.79	6.92 6.51 6.87 7.28 7.16 9.43	89.8 84.1 89.1 107.7 101.3 106.3	15,35 15,18 16,30 16,81 13,87 19,09
Jan Feb Mar Apr May June	144.8 142.5 148.0 141.1 164.7 162.7	28.3 32.3 36.2 32.7 31.9 31.6	121.9 106.8 100.2 79.2 68.0 62.4	16,895 15,045 14,056 10,435 8,283 7,177	4,889 3,299 2,624 1,745 1,478 1,483	9,384 6,854 5,403 3,550 2,734 2,576	49.3 56.2 56.4 67.6	24.4 24.4 23.4 19.9 17.9	10.88 9.02 9.48 9.15 8.45 7.69	6.26 6.09 7.22 7.04 6.95 6.67	90.0 88.8 96.3 92.6 100.9 105.0	18,74 16,79 18,37 16,46 16,17
1953–54p– July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec	170.7 149.6 141.5 134.0	38.4 37.7	77.1 102.2 131.2 141.8	6,951 8,919 12,798 17,504 19,664 18.606	1,986 3,327 5,397 7,372 7,392 6,645	5,136 r7,730 r9,984 r10,381	66.3 59.0 55.9 50.8	15.2 14.6 18.3 23.2	7.63 7.53 10.08 14.81 18.42 15.51	6.55 6.29 6.90 7.80	101.5 95.6 90.0 95.9 100.2 98.7	14,65 15,33 17,03 18,14 19,22 21,59

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, p, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

	41		Chemicals	and Allied	Products.			Motor Bodie	9	Pneumatic
	Tobacco, Cigars and	de la a Th	l la itella	8 - 116	Paints.	h Artsilian		TVIOTOI DOUIE	5.	Tyres— Motor
Period.	Cigarettes.	Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Ready- Mixed Paint.	Lacquers Nitro- Cellulose.	Enamels and Synthetic Finishes.	Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, &c.
Monthly Average—	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
1936–37	1,904	36.4 41.3 40.8	90.9 102.8 100.0	161 170 176	n.a. 60 48	n.a. 39 48	3,660 4,032 3,426	478 804 816	610 518 715	n.a. n.a.
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52	2,502 2,427 2,558 2,652	38.3 40.4 48.8 51.0 53.3 54.2	97.5 98.8 118.6 123.6 129.0 133.1	233 291 308 330 466 459	63 74 69 78 96 99	94 116 143 186 157 174	1,199 1,874 2,131 2,347 3,036 3,486	496 536 487 333 387 390	528 786 799 1,174 1,853 1,865	141 142 143 164 187 213
1952-53 p	3,018	52.4	131.8	355	83	177	3,8	375	1,707	141
Monthly Total—  1951–52—  December January February March April May June	2,493 2,510 2,655 3,071 2,704 2,982 2,353	54.5 58.7 49.5 57.6 61.0 54.0 49.8	118.7 150.7 128.7 136.6 152.1 127.1 132.7	351 347 447 406 368 386 315	81 88 101 107 89 92 77	148 151 170 165 144 153 132	2,759 2,162 3,835 3,564 3,512 4,226 3,713	(b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b) (b)	1,489 1,484 1,955 1,663 1,500 1,934 1,720	162 175 228 245 208 244 203
July	2,933 2,840 2,860 3,208 3,068 2,872	49.6 47.6 51.4 54.2 45.9 51.9	123.4 115.8 121.2 143.1 111.4 135.8	274 267 308 394 364 335	76 71 68 73 79 72	146 128 161 159 183 169	3, 3, 4,	956 467 579 036 999 864	1,752 1,560 1,564 1,688 1,455 1,430	214 160 115 131 100 76
January February March April May June	2,714 3,157 3,314 3,039 3,169 3,037	43.5 48.4 58.0 60.2 57.5 60.5	111.0 119.4 144.5 160.4 148.8 146.6	313 399 444 392 397 373	62 96 112 93 107 91	146 191 217 194 217 216	4, 4, 4,	421 063 753 058 007 299	1,083 1,884 2,159 2,119 1,910 1,880	86 130 167 148 163 - 202
July August September October November December	3,350 2,840 3,582 3,500 3,750 3,247	55.7 55.7 57.4 58.3 53.3 61.2	134.0 126.5 147.5 133.4 122.3 151.2	428 397 r447 426 r428 425	105 100 109 115 113 97	224 205 239 248 r254 216	5,5 5,5 5,4	460 572 599 466 189	2,263 2,148 2,455 2,262 2,408 1,933	240 221 251 244 245 210

<sup>(</sup>a) Details for 1950-51 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1951-52 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1948 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium.	Canada.	Denmark.	France.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway.	Sweden.	United King- dom. (c)	U.S.A. (b) (d)
1937 1938 1939	102 82 87	55 52 56	n.a. n.a. n.a.	98 90 n.a.	102 101 n.a.	192 210 n.a.	88 89 98	n.a. 81 86	67 67 73	91 86 n.a.	59 46 56
1946 1947  1948  1949  1950  1951 	73 93 100 100 102 118 114	88 96 100 102 108 115 119	n.a. 100 106 119 121 116	71 86 100 110 111 125 131	n.a. 96 100 110 127 144 146	n.a. 100 r124 r142 r193 213	65 83 100 112 123 128 130	77 90 100 110 124 133 133	91 94 100 104 108 112 110	n.a. 100 106 114 117 114	87 96 100 93 108 115 119
1951— December	. 117	108	114	131	. 141	n.a.	120	123	116	113	113
January February March April May June July August September October November December	116 116 115 115 115 113 101 106 115 119 120	108 111 113 117 120 121 116 119 124 126 126	122 122	136 137 137 136 133 132 123 105 128 133 134 131	146 139 144 143 153 144 152 119 154 162 150 152	n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a. r214 r216 r224 r222 r215	130 124 127 123 126 122 128 123 139 147 138 135	137 155 143 126 128 138 142 127 138 142 146 r128	104 113 r117 116	117 120 123 110 117 112 102 98 116 120 123 112	114 118 118 115 113 113 104 118 126 129 129 126
January February March April May June July August September October November December	116 114 105 113 117	130 131 126 127 131	120 124 121 122 122 122 128 85 7 121 130 128		150 143 160 156 161 157 r172 136 167 180	210 218 247 248 249 252 250 251 259 264	127 144 140 136 145 142 142 153	157 150 129 132 146 99 137 149	113 r116 119 115 117 r60 109 115 r121	118 122 124 118 123 118 110 106 125 129 132	130

<sup>(</sup>a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days. (c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction. (d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, see page 1

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

		Motor Vehic	es on Register at e	end of period.	New Motor Veh	nicles Registered d	uring period. (a)
Period.		Motor Cars.(b)	Commercial Vehicles, &c (b)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (b)	Commercial Vehicles, &c.(b)	Motor Cycles.
		'000.	'000.	'000.			
					N	Ionthly Average	es.
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39(a)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	499 535 562	214 242 258	78 80 79	4,049 4,594 4,509	2,016 2,283 2,077	623 694 614
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52		550 593 655 768 883 1,032 1,109	376 414 452 502 551 583 582	87 100 117 134 146 155 148	1,770 3,562 5,539 9,584 10,639 10,443 7,748	1,360 2,397 3,056 4,829 6,494 6,122 4,362	685 1,192 1,852 2,232 2,263 1,846 941
				•	I	Monthly Totals	
January February March April May June		970 986 995 1,005 1,021 1,032	580 582 581 581 583 583	153 154 154 154 154 155	8,160 9,637 10,996 10,152 9,670 7,772	4,577 5,301 5,879 5,407 5,643 5,069	1,567 1,574 1,774 1,381 1,163 900
July August September October November December January		1,044 1,043 1,052 1,061 1,069 1,085 1,083	582 574 571 569 570 575 570	154 152 151 151 151 152 150	7,634 6,598 7,174 9,047 8,794 9,314 5,943	4,737 4,014 4,080 4,464 4,353 4,619 3,110	941 918 970 1,114 984 1,147 936
February March April May June		1,085 1,093 1,100 1,105 1,109	572 575 577 579 582	150 150 150 149 148	7,317 8,352 7,496 7,902 7,407	4,005 4,641 4,592 4,867 4,861	910 996 867 809 697
July August September October November December January		1,115 1,122 1,130 1,137 1,143	583 586 589 590 593	147 146 145 144 144	r9,595 8,450 10,544 10,731 10,524 p11,000 p8,200	5,486 4,677 4,820 4,662 4,947 p5,000 p3,800	782 745 853 971 1,015 p1,025 p900

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
(b) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles registered in Victoria included private cars and commercial vehicles, and were included in commercial vehicle registrations. Since that date, only vehicles constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connexion with their business are so registered.

For meaning of symbols p, r, ----, see page 1.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems, Tasmania, however, still being excluded in respect of particulars of freight.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the total

number of days in the month.

			Freight (	Carried.	Average Daily	Monthly	Revenue.
Peri	od.		Net Ton-miles (Daily Average).	Average haul per ton.	Passenger- journeys.	Gross.	Net.
1936-37 1937-38 1938-39			'000. 12,820 13,976 13,085 (a) 17,406	Miles. 125.9 125.0 127.0 (a) 148.4	'000. 1,028 1,048 1,048	£'000. 3,407 3,632 3,580 5,303	£'000. 886 886 694
1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53			(b) 18,510 (b) 19,317 (b) 19,181 (b) 19,462 (b) 20,342 (b) 18,766	(b)144.4 (b)146.2 (b)148.8 (b)148.6 (b)145.7 (b)136.4	1,395 1,381 1,377 1,300 1,367 1,364	6,376 7,174 7,702 8,834 11,668 12,892	443 89 - 184 - 569 - 602 - 517
September October November December January February March April May June	**************************************		(b) 18,746 19,325 19,435 18,315 15,897 19,122 19,940 18,743 19,507 18,570	(b) 130.6 134.6 134.5 139.4 126.7 134.7 142.5 141.2 142.8 139.2	1,493 1,266 1,344 1,340 1,271 1,429 1,388 1,388 1,349 1,503	13,428 13,889 12,710 13,123 12,540 11,492 13,325 13,195 13,085 13,486	(c) 148 394 - 1,758 - 418 882 - 997 - 275 611 - 1,016 - 1,672
1953–54— July August September		••	20,453 20,331 19,908	131.2 138.4	1,334 1,422 1,376	14,062 13,947 14,387	669 561 1,363

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

#### MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS: GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

Period	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Total.
1951–52	 67,308 73,932 43,272 42,389	24,375 31,666 16,860	22,407 24,835 14,984 17,808	9,418 11,616 6,714	9,216 7,934 3,959	132,724 149,983, 85,789

<sup>(</sup>a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. Exclude Treasury transfers.

For meaning of symbol ----, see page 1.

### INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

. ('000.)

Period.		Tons	(weight and mea	asurement comb	pined) shipped f	rom—	
Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
Monthly Average— 1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	284	92	39	184	8	68	675
	309	101	37	212	8	75	742
	284	94	39	241	10	78	746
1946-47	283	72	46	234	17	55	707
1947-48	293	64	46	216	14	58	692
1948-49	287	59	43	167	11	50	617
1949-50	258	58	40	215	12	51	635
1950-51	259	57	46	242	12	55	671
1951-52	312	62	54	256	17	50	752
1952-53	316	56	61	264	61	52	810
Monthly Total—  1951-52— December January February March April May June	253	56	49	257	5	47	667
	296	54	61	265	20	58	754
	287	59	69	244	14	57	731
	292	64	58	280	6	64	764
	274	45	33	245	12	44	653
	338	62	58	263	22	48	791
	292	66	36	226	37	44	701
July August September October November December	378	55	94	287	26	65	905
	369	63	83	335	16	57	924
	347	58	63	266	34	55	823
	419	57	59	303	49	58	945
	339	54	89	244	56	51	834
	281	52	51	235	75	33	729
January February March April May June	242	44	40	275	64	44	709
	287	55	59	245	85	43	775
	327	46	57	268	70	54	822
	259	56	44	242	78	53	732
	293	65	48	255	86	56	803
	249	60	46	209	87	55	708
July August September October November December p	377 348 372 432 353 294	76 63 63 74 64 63	55 37 60 54 35 48	244 297 241 252 262	87 81 58 52 46 13	62 51 48 53 51 55	902 877 852 917 811 688

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes Northern Territory.

### OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

			Discharged.			Shipped.	
Period.		Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M).	Tons Weight.	Tons Measure.	Total (Tons W and M)
Monthly Average-1936-37 1937-38 1938-39		304 364 350	169 190 183	473 554 533	419 478 428	78 91 91	497 569 519
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52	•••	348 415 488 641 757 810 644	116 160 214 298 333 391 161	464 575 702 939 1,090 1,201 805	259 374 452 422 450 374 504	112 104 114 116 108 103 121	371 478 566 538 558 477 625
Monthly Total—  1951–52— December January February March April May June		751 906 741 823 783 816 744	421 530 446 436 407 255 196	1,172 1,436 1,187 1,259 1,190 1,071	261 319 376 386 399 345 322	81 76 76 134 126 130	342 395 452 520 525 475 461
1952–53— July August September October November December	•••	727 714 810 639 597 690	169 168 128 163 134 167	896 882 938 802 731 857	402 366 366 498 449 476	119 113 154 118 121 98	521 479 520 616 570 574
January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	572 476 549 651 681 625	178 130 182 143 168 197	750 606 731 794 849 822	447 485 625 594 672 668	86 94 144 150 151	533 579 769 744 823 775
July August September October November December p		621 699 652 748 r716 604	194 248 207 198 r258 213	815 947 859 946 r974 817	683 472 498 559 r509 451	116 110 91 107 r87 98	799 582 589 666 596 549

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### POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

				D (DMC)	Broadcast Listeners'		s connected at end
	Period	•		Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department.(a)	Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Lines.	Instruments.
				£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
				Monthly Averages.			
1936–37 .				1,318	938	440	595
937–38				1,396	1,056	465	630
938–39 .	•	• •		1,447	1,130	488	662
946–47 .				2,484	1,771	648	905
947–48 .				2,616	1,833	688	963
948–49 .				2,776	1,919	734	1,028
949–50 .				3,196	2,030	793	1,110
950–51 .				3,732	(c)2,110	864	1,209
951-52 .				4,948	1,961	927	1,301
952–53 .		• •	• •	5,367	1,986	985	1,384
				Monthly Totals.			*
951-52-							
January .				4,840	1,986	904	1,266
February .				5,023	1,991	909	1,274
March .			• • •	4,940	1,985	914	1,280 1,287
April . May .		• •	• •	4,834 5,798	1,981 1,973	918 923	1,294
June .			• •	5,657	1,961	927	1,301
	•	••	••	,,,,,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, , ,	
952–53— July .				5,334	1,900	932	1,308
August .				5,121	1,898	937	1,315
September				5,382	1,904	942	1,323
October .				5,702	1,923	947	1,330
November.				5,030	1,969	952	1,337
December.	•	• •		5,898	1,983	957	1,343
January .				4,866	1,990	961	1,349
February .				5,126	1,983	966	1,355
March .		• •		5,605	1,989	971 975	1,362 1,369
April .		• •	• •	5,275 5,384	1,994 1,987	980	1,369
May . June .		• •		5,675	1,986	985	1,384
953–54—							
July .				5,438	1,988	991	1,392
August .		.,		5,116	1,991	996	1,400
September				5,613	1,987	1,003	1,409
October .				5,837	1,986	1,008	1,417
November.				5,487	1,968	1,014	1,425
December				6,409	1,968	1,020	1,433
January .				5,130	1,968	1,025	1,439

<sup>(</sup>a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

For meaning of symbol -, see page 1.

#### WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Average	Monthly S	Sales Recor	ded.		Monthly Taxable Sales at each Rate Tax.(a)					Monthly Net Sale Recorded.		
Year.	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.	Month.	12½%	163%	20%	331%	50%	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2	1952-53-								
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5	Oct	36.1		11.3	2.2	0.6	50.2	119.7	169.9
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8	Nov	32.9		10.4	2.3	0.7	46.3	103.9	150.2
				Dec	38.5		12.2	2.4	0.7	53.8	108.9	162.7
1946-47	24.6	42.2	66.8	Jan	27.6		7.6	1.4	0.4	37.0	96.2	133.2
1947-48	26.2	53.3	79.5	Feb	33.9		10.6	1.7	0.5	46.7	107.2	153.9
1948-49	30.3	63.1	93.4	Mar	36.5		11.4	2.0	0.6	50.5	120.7	171.2
1949-50	38.0	72.2	110.2	Apr	35.3		10.7	1.9	0.6	48.5	115.9	164.4
1950-51	45.6	94.9	140.5	May	35.4		10.9	1.8	0.6	48.7	121.7	170.4
1951–52 1952–53	52.0	110.1	162.1	June	33.6		10.6	1.5	0.5	46.2	125.2	171.4
1902-00	40.5	111.9	158.1	1953–54—	25 7		11 0	1 5	0.5	10 (	110.7	1/0 2
				July	35.7 33.1		11.9	1.5	0.5	49.6	119.7	169.3
				Aug. r Sept.(b)	40.6	16.5	3.0	1.2	0.3	44.1 60.5	117.5	161.6
				Oct. (b)	43.4	19.1	5.0	0.5	0.1	62.5	125.7	188.7 188.2

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 81 from 3.5.40, 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40, 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.46; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ 22.11.40, 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.3.42; 10 and 25 from 13.11.40; 3½ and 25 from 0.9.43; 6½, 20, 25, 33⅓, 50 and 66⅔ from 27.9.51; 12½, 20, 33⅓ and 50 from 7.8.52; 12½ and 16⅗ from 10.9.53. From 21.7.43 rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and were exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40, 22.11.40, 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, 27.9.51, 7.8.52 and 10.9.53 further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions (b) Preliminary and partly estimated.

#### RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE COMPANIES.

The statistics in the following table relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods at retail but do not retail goods themselves. The statistics do not include hire purchase agreements directly made between retailer and customer, whether subsequently assigned to finance companies or not.

			Ne	w Agreemen	ts Made du	ring Quart	er.			
Quarter ended—	Motor V	ehicles and Equipment.		Household	and Person	al Goods.		Balances Out- standing at end of		
	No.	Total Value of Goods.	Amount Financed.	No.	Total Value of Goods.	Amount Financed.	No.	Total Value of Goods.	Amount Financed.	quarter on all Agree- ments.(c)
1953— 31st Mar 30th June 30th Sept.	40,749 40,614 47,048	£'000. 26,870 28,994 33,766	£'000. 14,924 15,571 17,905	101,419 92,182 107,620	£'000. 7,429 5,928 7,343	£'000. 5,562 4,528 5,681	142,168 132,796 154,668	£'000. 34,299 34,922 41,109	£'000. 20,486 20,099 23,586	£'000. 82,650 84,493 90,609

<sup>(</sup>a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (c) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a): STATES.

The figures below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The figures subsequent to 1948–49 may be revised when the results of the 1952–53 Census of Retail Establishments are available. (£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
Quarterly Average— 1947–48 1948–49 1950–51 1951–52 Quarterly Total— 1951–52—	96.3	67.6	32.6	20.1	16.3	7.5	240.4
	114.6	80.0	38.6	24.5	19.8	8.8	286.3
	133.3	96.9	45.8	30.3	24.2	10.3	340.8
	167.2	118.8	56.5	37.2	29.7	12.9	422.3
	188.7	135.2	64.0	43.8	35.3	15.5	482.5
	190.3	136.3	67.1	44.2	36.6	16.0	490.5
December Qtr. March June 1952–53—	206.4	147.2	69.2	46.0	37.2	16.5	522.5
	180.7	132.9	61.4	44.0	35.3	15.4	469.7
	185.3	133.9	62.8	44.3	36.3	15.5	478.1
September ,,	179.5	127.7	62.6	41.0	34.3	14.9	460.0
December ,,	209.6	148.8	72.6	47.1	39.4	17.7	535.2
March ,,	180.1	130.3	64.0	42.8	35.5	15.1	467.8
June ,,	192.1	138.6	69.2	45.8	37.0	16.4	499.1
September ,,	193.9	138.1	70.0	45.6	37.9	16.8	502.3
December ,,	r 226.5	r 162.1	r 79.9	r 53.2	43.6	r 19.2	r 584.5

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(α): COMMODITY GROUPS.

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Period.	Gro- ceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing' Drapery and Foot- wear.	Hard- ware.	Electri- cal Goods.	Furni- ture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, &c.)	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.	Total.
Quarterly Average-												
1947–48	31.9	39	9.4	(c)	49.8	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	211.0	29.4	240.4
1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53 Quarterly Total	35.9 40.1 46.2 57.4 64.4	16.3 18.6 22.3 28.3 30.0	29.1 32.9 38.9 47.1 51.9	23.8 26.1 30.4 37.7 42.3	59.5 65.4 80.7 85.7 . 85.7	18.1 20.8 27.5 32.0 32.1	8.5 10.2 14.6 16.5 15.5	11.6 13.4 18.6 18.1 17.1	42.0 49.5 59.4 70.3 70.2	244.8 277.0 338.6 393.1 409.2	41.5 63.8 83.7 89.4 81.3	286.3 340.8 422.3 482.5 490.5
1951–52—	59.1 57.2 60.9	28.2 28.7 29.6	49.0 48.7 47.5	41.1 40.3 37.8	95.4 75.8 89.8	34.9 30.8 31.2	19.1 15.3 13.9	19.5 16.4 16.6	80.2 67.5 67.5	426.5 380.7 394.8	96.0 89.0 83.3	522.5 469.7 478.1
Sept. ,, Dec. ,, Mar. ,, June ,, 1953–54—	61.9 67.9 62.3 65.3	30.1 30.2 29.2 30.6	48.7 54.4 52.1 52.5	37.9 46.5 43.8 40.9	78.0 97.5 73.9 94.0	30.2 35.2 30.4 32.7	13.9 18.5 14.9 14.5	16.4 18.6 16.2 17.0	67.1 79.7 66.5 67.5	384.2 448.5 389.3 415.0	75.8 86.7 78.5 84.1	460.0 535.2 467.8 499.1
Sept. ,,	66.6 r 71.4	31.3 r 31.3	53.0 58.2	40.9 r 50.6	84.8 r 107.5	33.3	16.2 r 22.7	18.3 r 21.1	69.8 r 84.9	414.2	88.1 r 97.7	502.3 r584.5

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes some delivered Milk and Bread. (c) Comparable commodity dissections for 1947–48 not collected.

#### PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

#### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

				(25 11111	11011.)				
Period		Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank	Treasury Bills.
Average of Week Figures— 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39	ly	184.7 194.8 198.8	112.9 120.0 118.9	297.6 314.8 317.7	262.5 274.4 288.1	15.0 21.4 20.5		34.2 37.1 33.6	24.5 20.7 21.5
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	206.9 201.9 211.3 224.5 247.7 238.2 218.7	429.7 471.6 565.1 685.6 896.5 963.5 943.7	636.6 673.5 776.4 910.1 1,144.2 1,201.7 1,162.4	(d) 261.1 329.9 368.6 403.9 479.3 621.4 638.1	95.0 65.6 61.5 83.8 90.2 68.4 86.5	265.0 262.3 322.7 377.0 500.3 466.0 211.7	37.9 44.4 48.0 52.0 59.3 60.6 74.7	25.8 18.1 22.1 26.5 36.9 32.4 123.1
1951–52— January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	236.9 236.5 234.9 232.2 224.8 220.5	981.4 992.0 1,006.4 1,014.4 957.2 902.4	1,218.3 1,228.5 1,241.3 1,246.6 1,182.0 1,122.9	638.6 654.6 664.1 667.9 675.6 691.2	59.0 62.0 67.6 64.1 62.5 62.6	483.6 458.5 436.5 427.5 398.9 303.3	67.7 64.4 64.4 64.2 53.7 61.2	33.6 31.3 37.9 39.7 38.5 35.8
1952–53— July August September October November December(e) January		215.1 214.8 214.7 213.8 215.5 217.1 218.7	857.0 844.7 839.4 863.9 898.8 930.3 952.9	1,072.1 1,059.5 1,054.1 1,077.7 1,114.3 1,147.4 1,171.6	699.3 690.4 682.0 673.4 655.7 637.7 616.0	65.3 65.5 65.6 66.3 70.5 79.3 91.3	215.5 190.5 185.7 163.8 156.5 156.5	65.2 68.4 66.7 69.0 76.5 78.6 91.9	46.4 59.5 69.3 97.1 120.9 136.8 157.8
February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	219.0 221.1 224.0 222.7 228.9	999.9 1,051.5 1,059.5 1,029.5 1,010.1	1,218.9 1,272.6 1,283.5 1,252.2 1,239.0	604.1 593.9 592.5 597.6 601.8	96.5 101.1 110.1 115.5 115.7	193.6 228.6 276.1 300.8 300.8	89.3 81.7 71.7 65.5 76.6	188.4 211.0 173.3 129.0 100.5
1953–54— July August September October November December (e) January	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	225.6 225.1 227.8 230.4 245.9 246.0 244.5	978.4 956.2 963.9 979.6 1,005.0 1,044.0 1,059.3	1,204.0 1,181.3 1,191.7 1,210.0 1,250.9 1,290.0 1,303.8	665.0	115.6 119.5 122.9 124.6 126.1 130.2 135.0	296.5 282.0 261.1 250.7 250.5 250.5 257.2	69.0 83.0	85.8 85.9 97.6 96.1 100.9 105.3 129.6

<sup>(</sup>a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced by amalgamations to seven, namely Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for 1945–46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

## PRIVATE TRADING BANKS (a)-continued.

# RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

			(Per Ce	nt.)			
		Perce	entages of variou	s categories of a	ssets to total depo	sits.	
Period.		Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Advances.	Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c)	Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
1937–38	Weekly	11.49 11.79 10.58	19.73 18.37 17.36	88.20 87.15 90.70	93.26 93.95 97.15		37.93 38.13 37.42
1947–48		5.96 6.59 6.18 5.71 5.19 5.04	9.28 9.03 8.62 8.41 7.74	(d)41.02 48.98 47.47 44.35 41.89 51.71	(d)55.95 58.72 55.39 53.55 49.69 57.40	41.63 38.94 41.56 41.40 43.73 38.78	67.51 70.02 72.79 75.28 78.35 80.18
1952–53 1951–52— January February March		5.23 5.24 5.18 5.15	7.99 7.78 8.23 8.33	52.42 53.28 53.50 53.58	57.26 58.33 58.94 58.72	39.70 37.32 35.16 34.29	80.55 80.75 81.08 81.37
May June 1952–53— July August		4.54 5.45 6.08 6.46	7.80 8.63 10.40 12.08	57.16 61.56 65.23 65.16	62.45 67.14 71.32 71.34	33.75 27.01 20.10 17.98	80.98 80.36 79.94 79.73
October November		6.33 6.40 6.87 6.86 7.84	12.90 15.41 17.72 18.78 21.31	64.70 62.49 58.84 55.58 52.58	70.91 68.64 65.16 62.49 60.37	17.62 15.20 14.05 13.64 14.30	79.63 80.16 80.66 81.08 81.34
March April May		6.42 5.58 5.23 6.19	23.00 19.08 15.53 14.30	46.67 46.16 47.72 48.57	54.62 54.74 56.94 57.91	17.97 21.51 24.02 24.27	82.63 82.55 82.21 81.53
July August September October November December (e) January		5.49 5.68 6.15 5.23 5.52 6.44 6.72	12.61 12.95 14.34 13.17 13.58 14.60 16.66	51.23 52.48 52.93 54.10 53.08 51.55 50.17	60.83 62.60 63.24 64.39 63.16 61.65 60.53	24.62 23.87 21.91 20.71 20.02 19.41 19.73	81.26 80.94 80.89 80.95 80.34 80.93 81.25

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for 1945-46 and onwards are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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## COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),

#### and

#### COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS).

(£ million.)

			Com	monwealth	Trading I	Bank. $(a)(b)$			Comm	onwealth I	Bank—Adva	ances.(b)
Period.		Deposits		Ad~	Special Account with	Coin Bullion, Notes and	Treasury	Other Australian Govern-	Rural Credits	Mortgage Bank	_	l Finance tment.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	vances.	Common- wealth Bank. (c)	Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Bills.	ment and Municipal Securities.	Depart- ment.	Depart- ment.	Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average Weekly Figures— 1946–47	17.6 13.9 13.2 14.8 19.4 20.1	40.7 43.7 51.1 62.5 89.2 90.6	58.3 57.6 64.3 77.3 108.6 110.7	20.4 23.4 31.8 45.3 62.5 76.4		6.6 6.6 6.1 6.2 7.2 6.6	1.9  2.0 24.0 26.4	34.3 32.1 34.1 35.4 26.9 13.3	0.8 0.8 1.8 13.8 13.7 19.7	2.6 3.1 3.2 3.5 3.8 4.1	0.6 2.5 7.6 12.8 14.7 15.5	1.3 3.5 4.8 6.3 7.6 8.7
1952–53	22.8 17.9 18.8 19.4 19.9 19.3 19.8	96.7 90.4 92.7 93.5 93.3 90.2 89.3	119.5 108.3 111.5 112.9 113.2 109.5 109.1	81.2 81.7 (d)80.6 77.9 73.9 71.2	21.7	8.8 6.8 6.5 6.1 7.2 5.8 7.1	22.8 24.0 23.5 22.4 21.0 23.0	(d)25.8 11.1 11.1 (d)13.5 17.9 21.2 22.1	6.5 23.1 44.9 52.5 44.5 39.5	4.3 4.2 4.3 4.3 4.4 4.3 4.2	14.8 16.0 15.5 15.1 14.8 14.4 14.2	8.8 9.1 9.2 9.3 9.3
July August September October November December e January February	19.5 19.0 19.5 20.5 23.0 23.3 24.0 24.5	85.7 85.9 85.3 88.8 93.6 97.4 93.5	105.2 104.9 104.8 109.3 116.6 120.7 117.5	62.5 62.2 58.8 57.4 59.1 59.5 62.8	21.2 19.9 19.3 16.4 15.8 15.8 16.6	6.8 6.7 7.6 7.7 7.8 7.7 7.0	(c)3.8 4.6 5.6 6.6 9.1 12.1 14.6 20.6	22.5 24.4 27.5 33.6 36.9 38.4 33.5	27.4 26.4 23.7 17.1 13.3 11.2 27.3 66.5	4.3 4.3 4.3 4.3 4.2 4.2 4.2	14.0 13.9 13.8 13.8 14.2 15.1 15.2	9.1 8.9 8.7 8.5 8.4 8.2 8.1
March April May June	24.9 25.1 25.3 26.0	107.0 107.8 107.3 109.7	131.9 132.9 132.6 135.7	58.1 55.6 57.3 59.7	23.3 28.7 32.3 32.3	11.6 8.7 10.2 11.9	32.7 35.6 32.0 31.3	21.6 16.8 15.2 15.2	95.7 89.6 77.6 62.6	4.3 4.3 4.3 4.2	15.4 15.7 15.9 16.1	8.4 7.9 6.6 6.3
July August September October November December e January	27.2 29.6 34.4 36.0 36.8 35.6 36.8	110.6 110.7 115.4 120.2 124.2 123.8 118.3	137.8 140.3 149.8 156.2 161.0 159.4 155.1	62.4 63.4 63.6 66.4 68.4 70.4 71.6	32.3 32.3 32.3 32.3 32.3 32.3 32.8	9.7 11.5 11.6 11.4 11.3 10.6 10.5	31.7 31.6 32.5 29.6 27.7 22.6 19.6	15.2 15.5 24.1 28.1 33.2 35.1 35.1	47.9 36.8 30.9 24.6 19.8 10.7 25.4	4.3 4.4 4.4 4.5 4.5 4.5 4.6	16.3 16.4 16.4 16.6 16.8 17.1 16.9	5.0 4.9 4.7 4.3 4.2 4.6 4.6

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays.

(c) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly in Treasury Bills.

(d) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to buildings societies and credit foncier loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000.

(e) Returns for fourth Wednesday not available.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

#### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

		N	lotes on Issue.		Special				Government
Period.		Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.	Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves)	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
1947–48	·	18.7 22.2 24.9 27.9 32.7 38.1 36.9	180.7 175.9 178.7 194.3 219.1 255.5 281.3	199.4 198.1 203.6 222.2 251.8 293.6 318.2	267.0 263.7 323.9 379.6 503.2 468.8 212.9	24.1 28.0 29.8 30.7 34.7 31.1 45.4	122.1 142.0 174.6 200.3 238.2 270.9 287.4	217.6 196.7 336.2 434.0 596.3 470.6 363.6	392.2 419.9 356.3 349.0 366.6 503.1 434.8
March . April May		38.2 36.9 38.4 38.1 37.5	256.6 259.9 265.0 262.9 264.5	294.8 296.8 303.4 301.0 302.0	461.0 438.9 430.0 401.8 305.0	36.2 36.4 33.9 22.3 30.1	259.9 264.0 260.1 256.0 260.2	335.8 316.6 313.1 311.0 303.2	627.5 613.1 585.4 541.3 488.8
August . September . October . November . December (b) . January .		36.3 36.3 36.0 35.8 35.9 40.5 40.8 36.3	266.1 269.5 273.0 276.5 279.4 287.9 283.1 283.0	302.4 305.8 309.0 312.3 315.3 328.4 323.9 319.3	216.9 191.8 187.0 164.9 157.6 157.6 168.6 194.7	34.9 38.2 36.3 38.9 46.9 44.9 59.1 62.0	266.9 267.5 278.5 278.5 277.8 279.2 280.3 288.0	288.5 291.0 301.3 299.5 320.9 338.6 366.6 393.2	460.9 457.3 463.8 455.1 444.2 439.1 418.9 388.6
April May		35.8 37.0 36.1 36.1	286.2 292.0 289.8 291.9	322.0 329.0 325.9 328.0	229.7 277.1 301.9 301.9	56.5 44.5 38.7 49.0	293.3 305.3 313.4 322.6	412.0 433.0 455.9 479.9	377.9 420.1 435.0 448.4
August . September . October . November . December (b) . January . February .		35.7 36.0 36.5 37.3 37.7 43.2 42.5	293.5 295.9 296.0 295.8 296.7 303.7 297.8	329.2 331.9 332.5 333.1 334.4 346.9 340.3 337.4	297.6 282.7 262.2 251.7 251.5 (c)275.7 291.0 317.9	39.8 40.2 42.3 30.9 36.0 49.0 55.5 46.1	319.1 304.1 306.0 295.1 315.2 287.8 264.5 262.5	489.5 495.5 490.7 486.1 490.4 511.8 520.2 530.1	439.4 420.7 409.8 393.8 419.3 432.0 403.3 382.2

<sup>(</sup>a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available. (c) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities".

#### ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

#### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

			(0	G 1111111011.)				
Period.		Bearing Interest.	Deposits.  Not Bearing Interest.	Total.	Advances.	Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Treasury Bills.	Other Australian Government and Municipal Securities.
Average of Weel Figures— 1946–47		229.5 221.2 231.8 249.3	480.5 527.8 634.6 771.2	710.0 749.0 866.4 1,020.5	304.4 384.7 440.2 495.4	47.0 54.2 58.3 62.2	28.5 19.2 24.0 29.5	137.8 108.3 109.3 132.3
1950–51 1951–52 1952–53	• •	279.6 271.7 256.8	1,017.6 1,091.5 1,076.3	1,297.2 1,363.2 1,333.1	598.4 759.7 (d)762.3	71.4 72.3 (e)88.2	64.0 61.7 (e)144.2	129.5 96.6 (d)126.2
January February March April May June	• •	266.8 267.2 267.7 268.8 260.2 255.9	1,110.8 1,127.8 1,143.2 1,147.8 1,084.5 1,026.3	1,377.6 1,395.0 1,410.9 1,416.6 1,344.7 1,282.2	782.3 799.2 (d)808.2 810.4 814.6 827.9	80.4 77.4 76.7 77.1 64.1 72.0	59.8 60.0 67.6 67.7 62.3 59.4	84.9 87.8 (d)95.8 96.7 98.4 99.4
July August September October November December (f) January	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	249.5 249.4 250.3 250.9 253.7 255.2 257.5	975.2 962.4 955.1 983.0 1,024.6 1,060.9 1,083.3	1,224.7 1,211.8 1,205.4 1,233.9 1,278.3 1,316.1 1,340.8	827.7 817.6 806.1 797.1 781.3 763.5 742.9	(e)75.1 78.2 77.0 79.6 87.6 89.6 104.1	(e)50.5 64.3 75.1 104.0 130.3 149.6 175.5	102.4 104.6 107.8 114.4 121.0 131.0 138.1
February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	258.4 261.3 264.2 263.0 269.7	1,141.0 1,201.2 1,209.0 1,176.5 1,158.3	1,399.4 1,462.5 1,473.2 1,439.5 1,428.0	729.3 715.9 711.3 718.0 724.8	107.2 100.6 87.5 81.9 94.3	216.4 253.1 218.2 169.7 138.7	135.8 136.1 140.4 144.2 144.6
July August September October November December (f) January		267.7 269.5 277.0 281.0 297.3 296.6 296.6	1,125.7 1,102.2 1,114.1 1,134.0 1,164.5 1,205.4 1,218.4	1,393.4 1,371.7 1,391.1 1,415.0 1,461.8 1,502.0 1,515.0	743.2 747.1 759.5 787.7 799.8 802.2 791.5	81.6 83.8 89.3 78.8 84.9 98.8 103.9	122.0 121.7 134.1 129.1 132.4 132.5 156.9	144.4 148.6 160.8 166.8 173.3 179.4 184.2

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953) the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (b), page 48. (c) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales replaced the Rural Bank Department of that Bank. (d) See footnote (d), page 48.

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#### ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

#### DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weel Figures— 1946-47 1947-48 (c) 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53	kly	58.1 ( <i>d</i> )69.4 83.1 104.9 145.1 156.6 151.9	52.9 61.2 74.3 97.8 134.9 142.3 132.0	16.8 19.9 24.3 29.5 39.0 41.5 43.8	10.5 12.7 15.5 19.3 26.8 30.8 30.1	(b)7.1 8.7 10.7 13.7 19.3 21.8 22.1	3.4 3.9 4.7 5.6 7.4 8.9 8.8	0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5	(b)148.9 (d)175.9 212.8 271.1 372.9 402.4 389.3
1951–52— January February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	146.2 155.3 152.1 153.3 155.9 158.4	133.3 153.4 142.2 142.7 141.7 135.4	36.5 38.4 39.1 40.5 40.9 44.6	27.2 33.9 34.3 32.2 32.1 30.7	24.5 24.3 22.3 22.5 22.6 20.5	7.4 9.0 10.2 9.5 9.5 9.6	0.4 0.4 0.5 0.5 0.5	375.5 414.7 400.7 401.2 403.2 399.7
July August September October November December January	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	149.0 130.1 143.0 152.7 159.8 173.8 124.6	129.2 116.5 116.3 122.1 136.2 146.4 118.4	44.4 38.5 41.1 43.9 45.1 47.8 36.3	31.1 26.3 26.2 28.0 29.1 30.5 25.9	20.5 19.3 17.9 21.2 23.0 24.0 24.3	9.4 8.1 8.2 8.1 8.0 9.7 6.6	0.6 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.6 0.7	384.2 339.3 353.2 376.5 401.7 432.8 336.8
February March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	156.1 162.4 149.6 157.4 160.3	137.0 141.0 142.6 139.2 136.3	41.8 45.5 44.7 44.5 50.8	34.0 32.3 32.2 33.3 31.4	24.9 23.2 22.7 23.1 20.8	8.6 9.8 9.5 10.3 9.6	0.5 0.5 0.8 0.6 0.6	402.9 414.7 402.1 408.4 409.8
July August September October November December January		163.6 145.6 167.7 168.3 173.0 187.1 151.9	138.0 124.7 131.2 140.6 146.9 174.6 146.3	52.5 46.0 50.7 51.5 52.0 55.7 43.4	31.5 27.1 30.5 31.0 31.0 35.4 28.5	22.9 20.4 23.3 24.1 25.8 29.8 25.9	9.7 8.7 9.3 9.1 9.2 10.4 8.1	0.6 0.5 1.1 0.9 0.7 0.7	418.8 373.0 413.8 425.5 438.6 493.7 405.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition the banks included in series on page 50, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (c) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948. (d) See footnote (c) on previous page.

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## SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

				Amounts o	n Deposit in	Savings Banks	S.			War Savings
At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.	and Savings Certificates— Net Amount Outstanding.
1936–37	82.0 86.0 87.5	75.7 • 78.9 80.5	27.3 28.2 29.0	26.5 27.2 27.4	11.8 12.0 12.4	7.2 7.7 8.4	0.1 0.1 0.1	0.3 0.3 0.3	230.9 240.4 245.6	
1946-47	231.4 237.0 244.5 258.9 284.5 304.5 319.1	216.1 226.4 239.3 257.1 281.8 300.8 320.0	85.6 84.8 87.4 92.2 98.8 102.7 109.4	67.9 73.6 81.2 87.7 97.8 103.7 113.9	36.6 36.2 37.5 39.6 44.7 47.2 49.8	20.9 21.6 22.4 24.3 27.1 30.1 32.1	0.5 0.6 0.7 0.9 1.0	1.0 1.1 1.2 1.4 1.7 1.8 2.1	660.0 681.3 714.2 762.1 837.4 891.9 947.5	59.5 64.5 62.2 55.0 48.1 41.8 35.6
1951–52— January February March April May June	295.3 296.9 297.7 299.3 299.0 304.5	293.0 294.1 294.8 295.5 295.7 300.8	101.4 100.8 100.5 100.8 100.7 102.7	101.6 102.3 102.4 102.4 101.5 103.7	46.3 46.3 46.5 46.2 47.2	28.7 29.2 29.4 29.6 29.7 30.1	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	1.8 1.8 1.8 1.8	869.1 872.4 873.9 876.9 875.6 (a) 891.9	44.3 43.9 43.5 42.8 42.3 41.8
July August September October November December January	312.8	303.5 305.1 306.8 308.9 308.9 309.4 309.8	103.5 104.1 105.0 106.5 106.4 106.9 106.1	105.0 105.7 106.0 107.1 107.1 107.2 107.7	47.7 48.0 48.4 48.7 48.9 48.6 48.5	30.3 30.6 30.7 30.9 30.9 30.9 31.0	1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1	1.9 1.9 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	900.1 905.0 910.0 918.0 917.5 918.4 918.1	41.3 40.7 40.1 39.5 38.9 38.4 37.9
February March April May June	312.7 313.8 313.3 312.7 319.1	311.0 311.6 311.8 312.8 320.0	106.1 106.4 106.5 106.7 109.4	109.1 110.1 110.4 110.8 113.9	48.4 48.6 48.6 48.6 49.8	31.3 31.3 31.5 31.6 32.1	1.1 1.1 1.1 1.1	2.0 2.1 2.1 2.1 2.1	921.7 925.0 925.3 926.4 (a) 947.5	37.4 37.0 36.5 36.1 35.6
July August September October November December January	320.4 322.6 325.2 325.8 326.2 327.7 329.4	321.5 322.9 324.9 325.5 325.9 327.0 327.8	110.3 111.7 112.8 113.0 113.4 114.0 113.7	115.0 115.6 116.3 116.7 117.2 117.3 117.9	50.0 50.4 51.0 51.1 51.3 51.4 51.3	32.3 32.8 33.1 32.9 33.0 32.8 32.9	1.2 1.2 1.2 1.3 1.3 1.2	2.2 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3 2.3	952.9 959.5 966.8 968.6 970.6 973.7 976.5	35.1 34.5 34.0 33.6 33.0 32.6 32.1

<sup>(</sup>a) Interest added 1951–52, £14.1m.; 1952–53, £16.6m. The major part of this interest was added in June

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#### INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

			g Banks.		C'wealth		C'wealth Go	ovt. Securities.	Private First
Period,	Ir	iterest on F	ixed Depos	its.	Savings Bank. Deposits	Treasury Bills		at 1930 h Rates.	Mortgages Registered in New
renod.	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	(maxi- mum rate of interest).	(Discount Rates).	Under 5	10 years and over.	South Wales —Urban Securities.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39	2.00 2.00 2.00	2.50 2.50 2.50	2.75 2.75 2.75	3.00 3,00 3.00	2.00 2.00 2.00	1.75 1.75 1.75	(a) 3.57 3.30 3.67	(a) 3.94 3.71 3.84	(b) 5.3 5.4 5.5
			-					Current Rates.	
							Short- dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.	
1946-47 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 1950-51 1951-52 1952-53	0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.96	0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 1.21	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.46	d 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.73	2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.23	1.00 1.00 0.96 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.98	(c) 1.93 2.34 2.07 1.95 1.99 2.05 3.03	(c) 3.21 3.16 3.12 3.13 3.21 3.95 4.54	4.5 4.4 4.4 4.4 4.4 4.7
February March April May June	0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50	0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00	0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75	2.03 2.00 2.07 2.13 2.21	3.82 3.81 4.19 4.43 4.62	4.4 4.4 4.4 4.4
July August (e). September October November December January February March April	0.50 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	0.75 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.2	1.00 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	1.50 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75	2.00 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25	0.75 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	2.40 2.58 2.94 3.05 3.15 3.23 3.15 3.16 3.20 3.17	4.51 4.49 4.61 4.68 4.62 4.53 4.46 4.53 4.57 4.51	4.5 4.5 4.6 4.7 4.7 4.8 4.8 4.8
May June 1953–54—	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.25 2.25	1.00	3.17 3.16	4.54 4.48	4.9 4.9
July August September October November December January February	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25 1.25	1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50 1.50	1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75	2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25 2.25	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	3.03 2.95 2.96 2.99 2.97 2.98 3.03 3.08	4.47 4.47 4.42 4.43 4.42 4.43 4.40 4.40	4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9 4.9

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.

(b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.

(d) From December. 1945 to July, 1952, 1.50% on first £10,000 of deposit, 1.00% on amounts in excess. (e) The Order made by the Commonwealth Bank under the National Security (Economic Organization) Regulations fixing maximum rates of interest was revoked as at 29th July, 1952.

## EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.(a)

				Exchange Rates.		Gold	Prices.
Peri	iod.		Australia on London.(b)	London on New York.(b)	Australia on New York.(c)	Australia.	London.
1936–37 1937–38 1938–39		• •	£A. per £100 stg. 125.25 125.25 125.25	\$ per £ stg. 4.939 4.980 4.738	\$ per £ A.  3.929 3.961 3.759	£A. per fine oz. 8.761 8.690 9.137	£ stg. per fine oz. 7.041 7.001 7.340
1946–47 1947–48 1948–49 1949–50 1950–51 1951–52 1952–53		••	125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	4.030 4.030 4.030 3.074 2.800 2.796 2.804	3.199 3.200 3.204 2.445 2.228 2.224 2.231	10.763 10.763 10.763 14.443 15.492 15.492 15.492	8.613 8.613 11.557 12.400 12.400 12.400
1951–52— February March April May June			125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.781 2.797 2.808 2.800 2.785	2.213 2.225 2.234 2.228 2.216	15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492	12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400
July August September October November December January February			125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.788 2.789 2.783 2.793 2.801 2.806 2.813 2.819	2.218 2.218 2.214 2.222 2.229 2.233 2.238 2.243	15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492	12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400
March April May June	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.816 2.817 2.815 2.814	2.241 2.241 2.240 2.239	15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492	12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400
July August September October November December January February			125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25 125.25	2.816 2.815 2.803 2.806 2.811 2.811 2.812 2.813	2.240 2.240 2.231 2.233 2.237 2.236 2.237 2.239	15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492 15.492	12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400 12.400

<sup>(</sup>a) Average of daily quotations. Direct quotation.

<sup>(</sup>b) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers.

<sup>(</sup>c) Selling rate.

#### LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

. •		New Policie	es Issued.(b)		Premi	ıms.(c)	Claims, &	c., Paid.(d)	New
Period.	Ordinary I	epartment.	Industria! I	Department.	Ordinary Depart-	Industrial Depart-	Ordinary Depart-	Industrial Depart-	Loans Granted.
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.	ment.	ment.	ment.	ment.	
26 - 22 - 4		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—1937	12,296	4,120 3,867 3,886	36,148 32,757 32,125	1,684 1,530 1,545	1,045 1,075 1,144	474 617 541	747 781 835	223 246 303	n.a. n.a. n.a.
1947(a)	19,808	9,549	26,271	2,316	2,113	889	1,052	456	n.a.
1947–48 (a)	20,171 20,201 20,538 21,642 23,607	10,077 10,618 12,243 15,206 18,464 18,828	26,915 25,254 24,999 22,713 23,216 22,853	2,492 2,458 2,509 2,423 2,817 2,946	2,258 2,539 2,877 3,210 3,651 4,186	910 967 1,003 1,043 1,102 1,147	1,044 1,112 1,224 1,310 1,441 1,576	471 497 512 491 546 619	1,057 1,476 2,778 3,893 3,963 3,011
Monthly Total—									
1951–52— December . January . February . March . April May June	. 12,675 . 18,206 . 23,337 . 20,371 . 25,022	26,194 9,102 13,932 16,515 16,980 19,926 19,567	17,366 8,110 21,745 30,099 20,496 25,619 27,118	2,100 970 2,641 3,754 2,519 3,209 3,389	3,586 3,281 3,251 3,612 3,566 3,876 4,643	1,209 745 1,118 1,150 1,040 1,155 1,140	1,316 1,302 1,369 1,489 1,441 1,518 1,525	492 427 558 583 500 622 616	3,999 3,244 3,418 3,103 3,146 4,066 3,233
July August September October . November . December .	. 27,852 . 30,549 . 22,619 . 24,219	20,402 19,677 22,831 18,636 19,095 25,369	23,088 22,094 32,793 22,667 22,903 18,857	2,887 2,777 4,234 2,887 2,994 2,538	4,491 3,841 4,407 4,109 3,683 4,667	1,163 1,088 1,271 1,180 1,186 1,247	1,708 1,617 1,747 1,690 1,486 1,591	644 665 635 642 616 595	3,411 2,749 2,642 2,854 3,421 4,119
January . February . March . April May June	. 17,487 . 22,475 . 22,292	10,942 13,800 17,309 17,334 19,407 21,142	8,151 21,985 28,501 22,457 25,189 25,547	1,023 2,767 3,710 2,949 3,256 3,325	3,661 3,472 4,139 4,220 4,000 5,547	806 1,117 1,256 1,133 1,097 1,217	1,164 1,398 1,685 1,566 1,528 1,731	466 593 665 565 649 691	2,252 2,355 2,460 3,591 2,823 3,459
November .	. 25,421	25,048 20,410 25,884 18,688 19,026 35,870	19,267 22, <b>7</b> 02	2,735 3,370 3,597 2,588 3,030 1,932	5,072 4,259 4,688 4,255 4,263 5,426	1,231 1,215 1,167 1,215 1,208 1,346	1,960 1,763 1,870 1,765 1,610 1,948	734 706 671 702 671 614	3,195 2,784 3,286 2,821 2,190 3,091

<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947–48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

		Ju	ly-January, 1952	2–53.	July-January, 1953-54.			
Government of—		Revenue.	Revenue. Expenditure. Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).		Revenue. Expenditure.		Surplus(+) or Deficit (-).	
New South Wales (b) Victoria		99,044 46,057	102,181	- 3,137 - 8,190	98,459	100,476	- 2,017	
Queensland South Australia Western Australia	• •	33,921 23,236	35,349 24,260	- 1,428 - 1,024	38,055 (c)	37,769 (c)	+ 286 (c)	
Tasmania		20,044 6,068	21,836	- 1,792 - 360	6,504	7,100	- 596	
Six States Commonwealth		228,370 479,220	244,301 526,330	- 15,931 - 47,110	472,398	504,323	- 31,925	
Grand Total (a)		627,161	690,202	- 63,041				

		1952–53.				1953-54 (Estimated).			
Government of—		Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).		Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	
Victoria		182,848 96,995 63,171 44,251 38,725 12,061	182,751 97,360 62,980 44,226 39,233 11,763	+ - + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +	97 365 191 25 508 298	184,570 104,822 67,505 47,355 43,416 13,258	185,525 104,811 67,482 47,345 43,549 13,644	+++	955 11 23 10 133 386
Commonwoolth	. 1	438,051	438,313 1,026,667	+	262 13,400	460,926 986,757	462,356 986,542	+	1,430 215
Grand Total (a)	. 1	,312,626	1,299,488	+	13,138	1,277,156	1,278,371	_	1,215

<sup>(</sup>a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted.

(b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

(c) Latest available figures are:—July-December, 1953—Revenue, £21,269,000; expenditure, £22,187,000; deficit, £918,000.

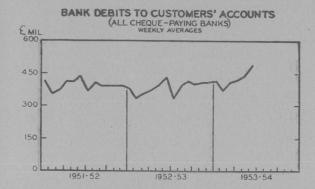
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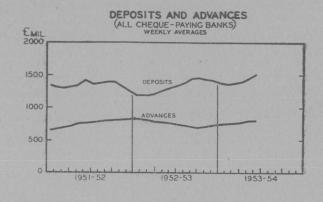
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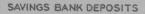
	Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of—								
Where Redeemable.	Common- wealth.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.	
At 31st January,									
Australia (b) London At 31st January, 1953—	245,000 470	9,796	5,805	••	3,816	1,000 2,960	491	246,000 23,338	
Australia (b) London	268,280 720	9,796	5,000 5,805		1,000 3,816	2,078 2,960	491	276,358 23,588	

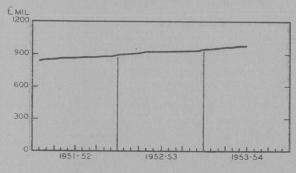
<sup>(</sup>a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling, (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.

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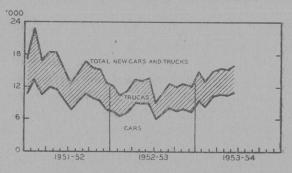




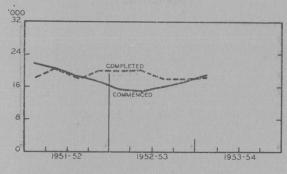




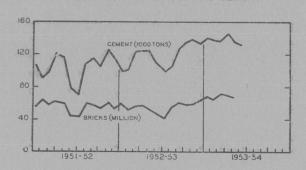




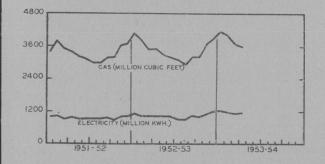
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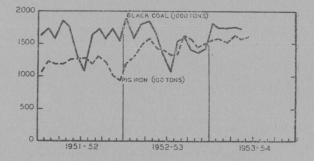
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